

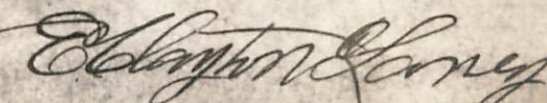
## FOREWORD

In beginning the Minutes of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, it seems but fitting that some history of this lodge should be given and a brief sketch of its founders be herein recorded, that they may live on perpetual record as a memorial to those who have ~~had~~ the love of a ~~fraternity~~ (so deeply cherished) that they were determined to make an effort to promote the further interest of that Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons by legally organizing and chartering a Lodge of Research, that the craft of the State of North Carolina might be benefitted by the efforts of such a body in their midst.

To our friend and brother J. Ray. Shute, ~~W.~~ P.M. goes the honor and credit for forming this Lodge of Research in the City of Monroe, North Carolina, and through his efforts was the first movement made to get the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to listen favorable to the idea of having a Lodge of Research in this Grand Jurisdiction. In the early part of 1930, Brother Shute began talking Lodge of Research and soon secured as his staunch and worthy helper and coworker, Brother Walter C. Crowell, P.D.D.G.M.. Together, these two dear friends and brothers worked and planned, dreaming of a great work in the field of Masonic research and education that could, and should, be done in this State. Numerous letters were written and innumerable questions asked about this great problem and soon these two Masons were beginning to feel that their efforts were to finally become realised. Special trips were made to Raleigh, where an equally interested friend and brother in the person of P.G.M. John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, was conferred with and many were the wise and helpful suggestions that he gave, in all instances trying in his friendly way to cautiously lead the way for a successful meeting with the Grand Master, whereby Dispensation could be received. This was accomplished and in a little room in the old National Hotel at Wadesboro, on the night of E.W. Timberlake, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master and P.G.M. John H. Anderson met with the Monroe brethren and details were worked out to form the Lodge of Research. It should be stated here that of all the enthusiastic Masons, interested in the forming of this new Lodge, none were more interested or helped to any greater extent than did the Most Worshipful Grand Master. When the Monroe brethren left the hotel late that night, they did so with a deep sense of appreciation for the earnest help and cooperation of North Carolina's Grand Master and Grand Secretary in their behalf. This Grand Jurisdiction shall ever remember these two distinguished sons and this Lodge now goes on record as appreciating the efforts and work of these two Masons and feel that without the proper help received from them, a lodge of this type should never have been established in this great State.

On returning home, Brothers Shute and Crowell began a rapid canvas of the Masons in Monroe to secure the Charter Members for the Lodge of Research, knowing that this particular field of endeavor would be of little interest to the average Mason. They were successful in obtaining nineteen other interested Masons and thus began the legal application for Dispensation, which resulted in the granting of the Dispensation by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the 7th. day of November 1930, thereby fulfilling the dreams of the founders.

The following were the Charter Members of the North Carolina Lodge of Research: J. Ray. Shute, ~~W.~~, Walter C. Crowell, Edwin Niven, Olin B. Sikes, E. Clayton Laney, N.M. Redfern, John J. Goudelock, Carr Bowie, J.P. Hudson, H.H. Wilson, W.A. Morrow, J.M. Morrow, F.M. Smith, G.M. Smith, W. Harvey Morrison, R.H. Garren, R.D. Pearson, J.P. Gamble, H.D. Hinde, W.J. Rudge, and Robt. E. Lee.

  
E. Clayton Laney Secretary.



At the first regular meeting of the North Carolina Lodge of Research No. U.D., A.F. & A.M., held at the above date present :

J. Ray. Shute, Jr. P.M., K.G.C.	Master
Walter C. Crowell P.M.P.D.D.G.M.	Senior Warden
Edwin Niven P.M.	Junior Warden
Olin B. Sikes	Treasurer
E. Clayton Laney	Secretary
N.M. Redfern	Senior Deacon
John J. Goudelock	Junior Deacon
Carr Bowie	Senior Steward
J.P. Hudson	Junior Steward
John Smith	Tyler

Visitors present : Worshipful Brother Lee Griffin D.D.G.H.P., K.G.C., Master of Monroe Lodge No. 244 A.F. & A.M.

A Master's Mason's Lodge was opened in due form and a preliminary talk was made by the Worshipful Master, stating the objects of the Lodge of Research and asking the earnest support of all the members in the meetings.

Election of officers was held and resulted in the election of Brothers Olin B. Sikes as Treasurer and E. Clayton Laney as Secretary. The Worshipful Master then appointed the following officers:

N.M. Redfern	Senior Deacon
John J. Goudelock M.D.	Junior Deacon
Carr Bowie	Senior Steward
J.P. Hudson	Junior Steward
John Smith	Tyler

All the newly elected and appointed officers accepting their offices, they were duly installed and recorded on the minutes as the officers of the Lodge.

The petition of Mr. Lonzo Gerome Owensby for the degrees in Masonry was presented and referred to the following committee for investigation:

Walter C. Crowell Chairman  
Edwin Niven  
N.M. Redfern

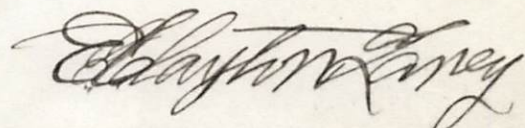
The following committee was appointed to draft by-laws for the Lodge:

J. Ray. Shute, Jr. Chairman  
Walter C. Crowell  
Edwin Niven

On motion by Bro. Walter C. Crowell, duly seconded by Bro. Edwin Niven, the date for the regular monthly meetings of the Lodge was selected as the second Tuesday of each month. Unanimous vote of the lodge.

Timely remarks were made by Brothers Griffin, Crowell, and Niven.

There being no further business to come before the lodge, the lodge was closed in due form, minutes read and approved.



E. Clayton Laney, Secretary.

W. Bro.	J. Kay. Shute, Jr., P.M., E.G.C.	Master
"	Walter C. Crowell, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.	Senior Warden
"	Edwin Niven, P.M.	Junior Warden
"	Olin B. Sikes	Treasurer
"	E. Clayton Laney	Secretary
"	N.W. Redfern	Senior Deacon
"	W.A. Morrow	Junior Deacon
"	W.T. Ballentine	Senior Steward
"	J.P. Hudson	Junior Steward
"	John M. Smith	Tyler

A regular Lodge on the third degree of Masonry was opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular and intervening communications being read for information. The petition of Mr. Lonzo Jerome Owensby was for the degrees in Masonry was reported on favorably by the Investigation Committee. The ballot being spread and found to be clear, Mr. Owensby was declared to be elected to receive the degrees in Masonry.

Labor was dispensed in the Master Mason's Degree and a Lodge on the first Degree opened for work and instruction. Mr. Owensby was introduced and initiated an Entered Apprentice. The Lodge was then closed in form and labor resumed in the Master Mason's Degree.

The BY-LAWS, attached hereto, were unanimously adopted and signed, as is evidenced by the attached signatures. (All of the members were not present at this meeting, but their signatures secured later by Secretary.)

Worshipful Bro. Lee Griffin, Master of Monroe Lodge No. 244 A.F. & A.M., was asked to address the Lodge, which he did in his usual excellent manner.

Brother John Jesse Clark, a frequent visitor in Masonic circles, was invited to address the Lodge, but declined with words of appreciation at having had the privilege of being present and witnessing the conferring of the Degree.

There being no further business to come before the Lodge, the minutes were read and approved. The Lodge being closed in due form.

*Ed Clayton Laney*  
- Clayton Laney, Secretary.

W.Bro.	Lee Griffin, K.G.C., D.D.G.M.P., Master	Monroe Lodge No. 64	A.F. & A.M.
"	J. Ray Lingle, Senior Warden	"	" " " " " "
"	David Binson, Steward	"	" " " " " "
"	John M. Smith, Tyler	"	" " " " " "
"	W.T. Ballentine	"	" " " " " "
"	John Jesse Clark (Wadesboro, N.C.)	Kilwinning	" " " " " "



Recognizing its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, and acknowledging the supremacy of the Constitution and Laws thereof, and for the better government of the Lodge and the regulation of the conduct of the members, do enact the following By-Laws:

## ARTICLE I

## name

Section 1. The name of this Lodge shall be the North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 A.F. & A.M..

## ARTICLE II

## objects

Section 1. The primary object of this Lodge shall be to:

- A. Assimilate and diffuse true Masonic knowledge,
- B. Create a forum for educational addresses on the subject of Freemasonry.
- C. Create a meeting place for Masonic students to meet and read, or listen to, original papers on matters of Masonic research and to enter into discussion on the same.
- D. To publish the transactions of these meetings and mail them to its members for study, that they may be benefitted therefrom.
- E. To establish and maintain a library and museum, which shall be open at all times to its members.
- F. To publish papers, sketches, and books, which its members, or other Masonic scholars, may write, and wish published.
- G. To republish papers, sketches, and books of interest to the Craft.
- H. To publish a craft journal, when the demand shall justify, *Lodge dues aspirable, the*
- I. To confer yearly a medal, to be known as The Research Award, to those who have made outstanding progress in the field of Masonic Research.
- J. To work in close harmony with the educational department of Grand Lodge and assist in every way possible to promote Masonic education amongst the Craft.
- K. To create a Correspondence Circle, which shall :
  1. Be open to any Master Mason in good standing in any part of the world, Lodges, Grand Lodges, Libraries, or other Masonic organizations, wherever located.
  2. Offer every privilege to its members that active members of the Lodge have, except that the Corresponding members shall not vote or hold office.
  3. ~~Insist~~ *insist* on its members sending papers to the Secretary to be read and discussed before the Lodge *and printed.*
  4. Ask its members to participate in our meetings and to discuss papers read before the Lodge.
  5. Give to all members desiring a medal signifying membership in the Circle, upon payment of the cost of same.
  6. Furnish to all members a certificate, under seal of the Lodge, upon election to membership in the Circle.
- L. To perform any and all other duties of a regular Lodge of Research.

## ARTICLE III

## meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be on *every Tuesday night* ~~the second~~ Tuesday of each and every month.

Sec. 2. The time for the meetings shall be at seven thirty o'clock.

Sec. 3. The Master may call special meetings for special purposes, provided that the Secretary shall notify all members of such meetings and no business shall be transacted at a call meeting except that for which the meeting was called.

*Sec. 4. Entry by request.*

## ARTICLE IV

## officers

Section 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall be:



- A. Master
  - B. Senior Warden
  - C. Junior Warden
  - D. Treasurer
  - E. Secretary
- Sec.2. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote, except the Master, who shall be elected by a two thirds majority.
- Sec.3. The appointive officers shall be:
- A. Senior Deacon
  - B. Junior Deacon *Chaplain*
  - C. Senior Steward
  - D. Junior Steward
  - E. Librarian *Ex. D. 1 Ceremonies*
  - F. Marshall *Ex. D. 1*
  - G. Tyler
- Sec.4. These officers shall be appointed by the Master as soon after the election of officers as is possible.
- Sec.5. All officers of the Lodge shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors have been elected, or appointed, and installed.
- Sec.6. The officers shall be elected each year at the regular communication immediately preceding the anniversary of Saint John the Baptist, ~~June 24th.~~ *Dec. 27th.*
- Sec.7. The installation of officers shall be held ~~on the anniversary of Saint John the Baptist,~~ or as soon thereafter as is possible, *during the month of Jan.*
- Sec.8. The duties of the officers shall be those defined by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and any additional duties imposed upon them by the Master or the majority vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V  
committees

- Section 1. There shall be four standing committees of this Lodge.
- A. The Committee of General Purposes, which shall:
    - 1. Arrange the programs of the meetings.
    - 2. Recommend the recipients for awards and honors.
    - 3. ~~Have~~ general supervision over the affairs of the Lodge, not encumbrant upon its officers or other committees.
  - B. The Committee of the Orphanage, which shall:
    - 1. Secure funds for the Orphanage.
    - 2. Keep in touch with the Orphanage.
    - 3. Arrange dates for the Singing Class.
    - 4. Attend to any and all other matters pertaining to the Orphanage.
  - C. The Committee on Finance, which shall:
    - 1. Make an annual audit of the books of the Treasurer and the Secretary.
    - 2. Make inquiry into prices of those things which shall be needed by the Lodge and make recommendations to the Lodge relative thereto.
    - 3. Ascertain the feasibility of publishing papers, sketches, and books and, in conjunction with the Librarian, make recommendations to the Lodge.
    - 4. To have general charge over the financial matters of the Lodge and make their recommendations to the Lodge.
  - D. The Committee on Charity, which shall:
    - 1. Keep in close touch with all cases of charity, within the bounds of this city and state, and, in conjunction with similar committees from other Lodges, do all in their power to remedy such cases and make recommendations to this Lodge.
    - 2. To see that Masons in adverse circumstances shall receive relief, as far as it is in our power so to do.
    - 3. *Publication Committee*



I decipher the mutilated portions of these by-laws as follows:

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4.

"Each member shall pay the sum of one dollar each year to be sent to the Orphanage on Thanksgiving Day, this fee being paid to the Committee on Orphanage."

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2.

"All voting shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, except where that shall be in contradistinction to the CODE law of Grand Lodge, in which event Grand Lodge law shall be recognized and followed to the letter."

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1. Line 4.

"Read and signed by the undersigned member of- - -"

*G. B. Hewcomb*  
*12/18/1952*



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ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1. Same as.

"Read and signed by the undersigned member of - -"

*Stewart*  
*12/18/1912*







Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
January 13, 1932.

At a regular communication of North Carolina Lodge of Research No.U.D.,  
A.F.& A.M., held at the above date present:

J.Ray.Shute, Jr., P.M., K.G.C.		Master
Walter C.Crowell, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.,		Senior Warden
Edwin Niven, P.M.,		Junior Warden
Olin B. Sikes		Treasurer
E.Clayton Laney		Secretary
N.M.Redfern		Senior Deacon
W.A.Morrow	as	Junior Deacon
R.H.Garren, M.D.,	as	Senior Steward
J.P.Hudson		Junior Steward
John Smith		Tyler

A regular lodge of the third degree of Masonry was opened in due form.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

There being another special meeting called for tonight, at which there was an unusually large attendance, it was moved by Brother Crowell "That the North Carolina Lodge of Research, since it had no business to discharge, close as early as it is possible and surrender the Hall for the use of the other meeting." This motion was seconded by Brother Laney. The motion being put and carried, steps were taken necessary to close the Lodge, the minutes being read and approved. The Lodge was closed in due form, the Master calling a special meeting for Thursday night, January 15th., for the purpose of conferring the second degree on B.G.Owensby, an Entered Apprentice of this Lodge, another meeting being called for Monday night following for degree work.

*E. Clayton Laney*  
E. Clayton Laney, Secretary.

#### Visitors Present

Lee Griffin, K.G.C., D.D.G.H.P., Master	Monroe Lodge No. 244 A.F. & A.M..
Jesse Telms	" " " " " " " " " "
John Smith	Tyler " " " " " " " " " "



Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
January 15th., 1934.

At a special communication of North Carolina Lodge of Research No.U.D., held at the above date present:

W.Bro. J. Ray. Shute, Jr., P.M., K.G.C.	Master
" Walter C. Crowell, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.	Senior Warden
" Edwin Niven, P.M.	Junior Warden
" Olin B. Sikes	Treasurer
" E. Clayton Laney	Secretary
" N.M. Redfern	Senior Deacon
" J.J. Goudelock M.D.	Junior Deacon
" W.A. Mobrow	Senior Steward
" J.P. Hudson	Junior Steward
" R.H. Garren M.D.	Tyler

This meeting being called for the purpose of conferring the degree of Fellowcraft, labor was dispensed in the Master Mason's degree, and L.G. Owensby, an Entered Apprentice, was introduced and examined on the degree of Entered Apprentice. The examination being satisfactory, a regular lodge on the second degree of Masonry was opened in form. Brother Owensby was introduced and passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

At the concluding of the degree, Brother Owensby was called upon to make a few remarks, which he did with credit to himself and to the interest of the Brethren present.

The lodge was closed in form and labor resumed in the Master Mason's degree. There being nothing else to come before the lodge, the minutes were read and approved and the lodge closed in due form. A special communication being called by the Master for Monday night, January 19th., for the purpose of raising Brother Owensby to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, contingent, necessarily, on his being able to pass the examination of the degree of Fellowcraft.

*E. Clayton Laney*

E. Clayton Laney, Secretary.

#### Visitors present

W. Bro. Lee Griffin, K.G.C., D.D.G.H.P., Master	Monroe Lodge No. 244 A.F. & A.M..
" J. Ray. Lingle Senior Warden	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" J. Ed. Stewart, K.G.C., P.D.D.G.M., Sec'y.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" L.D. Hart Senior Deacon	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" John M. Smith Tyler	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" S.H. Green K.G.C.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" J.H. Myers P.M.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" Buren Price P.M.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
W. F. Ballentine, W.T.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" C.G. Saleeby	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" H.B. Smith	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" L.T. Hamilton	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" A.M. Henderson (Charlotte, N.C.)	Excelsior " " 261 " " " " " "



At a special communication of North Carolina Lodge of Research No. U.D., held at the above date present:

W. Bro. J. Ray Shute, Jr., P.M., K.G.C.	Master
" Walter C. Crowell, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.	Senior Warden
" Edwin Niven P.M.	Junior Warden
" Olin B. Sikes	Treasurer
" E. Clayton Laney	Secretary
" N.M. Redfern	Senior Deacon
" J.J. Goudelock M.D.	Junior Deacon
" Carr Bowie	Senior Steward
" J.P. Hudson	Junior Steward
" G.M. Smith M.D.	Marshall
" R.H. Garren M.D.	Tyler
Rev. Ashley C. Chappell D.D. as	Chaplain

This meeting being called for the purpose of conferring the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, labor was dispensed in the Master Mason's degree, and Bro. L.G. Owensby was examined as to his proficiency in the degree of Fellowcraft. The examination being satisfactory, labor was resumed in the Master Mason's degree, and Bro. Owensby introduced and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Bro. Owensby was called upon for remarks and his talk was interesting and pleasing to the Brethren here assembled. Bro. J. Ed. Stewart was called upon, and delivered a few timely remarks. W. Bro. Lee Griffin was thanked for his cooperation with North Carolina Lodge of Research No. U.D. at this time and replied with appropriate remarks, inviting members of this Lodge to attend the meetings of Monroe Lodge No. 244 A.F. & A.M. at any time possible.

W. Bro. Shute then notified the Lodge that he, Walter Crowell and Lee, Griffin were leaving in the morning for Raleigh, N.C. to attend the Grand Lodge meeting, at which time he hoped to return with a charter for this Lodge. The Lodge voted its appreciation to Brothers Shute and Crowell for their untiring efforts in behalf of this Lodge and wished them a very successful and benefitual trip.

There being no further business to come before the Lodge, the minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.

*Minutes Charles D.D. second and third*  
*Read and approved the minutes of the last meeting.*  
*W. Bro. Lee Griffin, P.M., K.G.C., D.D.G.H.P., Master Monroe Lodge No. 244 A.F. & A.M.*  
*E. Clayton Laney, Secretary.*

Members present

Bros. R.D. Pearson M.D., ~~W.A.~~ W.A. Morrow, J.P. Gamble, and H.d' Hinde.

Visitors present

W. Bro. Lee Griffin K.G.C., D.D.G.H.P., Master Monroe Lodge No. 244 A.F. & A.M.

" J. Ray Lingle, Senior Warden	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" W.L. McQuirt, Junior Warden	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" L.D. Hart, Senior Deacon	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" J.S. Stearns Junior Deacon	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" G.M. Beasley P.M., Treasurer	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" J. Ed. Stewart, K.G.C., P.D.D.G.M., Secretary	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" John M. Smith, Tyler	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" Euren Price, P.M.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" J.H. Myers P.M.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" C.G. Saleeby	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" H.B. Smith	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" W.T. Ballentine	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" L.T. Hamilton	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" H.M. Presson	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" J.O. Long	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" Jesse Helms	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" L.W. Rich	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" A.M. Henderson (Charlotte, N.C.)	Excelsior " " 261 " " " " " "
" John Jesse Clark (Wadesboro, N.C.)	Kilwinning " " 64 " " " " " "
Rev. Ashley C. Chappell (Graham, Texas.)	Young County " " 485 " " " " " "



Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
Feb. 10th., 1931.

At a regular meeting of North Carolina Lodge of Research held at the above date present, W. Bro. E. W. Timberlake, Jr., opened a Master Mason's Lodge and duly instituted North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 A.F. & A.M. The following officers were elected, appointed, and installed:

Worshipful Brother J. Ray. Shute, Jr., K.G.C.	Master
" Walter C. Crowell P.M., P.D.D.G.M.	Senior Warden
" Edwin Niven P.M.	Junior "
" Olin B. Sikes	Treasurer
" E. Clayton Laney	Secretary
" N. M. Redfern	Senior Deacon
" J. J. Goudelock M.D.	Junior "
" Carr Bowie	Senior Steward
" J. Parks Hudson	Junior "
" R. D. Pearson M.D.	Librarian
" G. W. Smith M.D.	Marshall
" R. H. Garren M.D.	Tyler

The By-Laws were adopted unanimously by the members present.

Labor was dispensed with, and visiting brethren admitted to the Lodge.

Labor was resumed and Rev. Brother Ashley C. Chappell D.D. delivered the address of welcome to the visiting brethren, as Director of Ceremonies.

Past Grand Master E. W. Timberlake, Jr. 33° was introduced and delivered a most interesting paper entitled "The Landmarks of Freemasonry", which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. He was thanked for his most earnest efforts in the cause of this Lodge and made an honorary member of the Correspondence Circle of Lodge 666 for the year 1931.

Past Grand Master Hubert McN. Poteat 33° was then introduced and delivered a most enlightening lecture on "Some Aspects of Freemasonry", which was most enthusiastically received by the brethren. He was thanked for this address and made an honorary member of the Correspondence Circle for the year 1931.

Brother K. W. Parham, Master of Raleigh Lodge NO. 500, discussed with W. Bro. Timberlake the meaning and significance of the ~~meaning~~ phrase "Secrets of Masonry", which produced several points of interest to all.

The Librarian reported that the Library now contained 2500 volumes and asked that any brother who had volumes to donate to the Library, to get in touch with him at an early date.

Bro. Crowell reported that the Committee on Awards had selected W. Bro. J. Ray. Shute, Jr. as the ~~recipient~~ recipient for the Research Award for the year 1931, for distinction in the field of symbolism.

Several applications for membership in the Correspondence Circle were elected to membership.

The Master explained the functions of the Correspondence Circle and invited any who were present and desired membership therein could obtain blanks for that purpose from the Secretary.

Announcement of the next meeting was made and all urged to be present. There being no further business to come before the Lodge, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form. Rev. Bro. W. B. S. Chandler acting as Chaplain.

E. Clayton Laney, Secretary.

Members present (officers omitted.)

W. J. Rudge J. M. Morrow J. P. Gamble W. A. Morrow W. H. Morrison F. M. Smith  
Visitors present

Monroe NO. 244

Lee Griffin K.G.C., D.D.G.H.P., Master	H. A. Morrow	W. E. Coan	J. W. Griffin
J. Ray Lingle Senior Warden	L. W. Rich	M. K. Lee	J. W. Fowler
W. M. McQuirt Junior	Cy. Smith	J. C. Brooks	D. H. Hinson
G. M. Beasly P.M. Treasurer	J. C. Sikes	Geo. Green	L. L. McIntyre
J. E. Stewart K.G.C., P.D.D.G.M. Secretary	A. M. Secrest	J. H. Boyte	Gilmer Joyce
L. F. Hart Senior Deacon	J. D. Warren	J. W. Lathan	K. Funderburk
J. S. Stearns Junior	N. D. Saleeby	H. B. Smith	G. B. Caldwell



E.J. Williams M.D. R.H. Cunningham P.M. P.P.W. Plyler W.A. Henderson  
 M. Presson P.S. Presson J.M. Smith H.F. Taylor  
 B.B. Bivens N.C. Price F.M. Helms J.D. Hart  
 E.W. Timberlake, Jr., P.M., P.D.D.G.M., P.G.M., Wake Forest No. 282  
 Hubert McNeil Poteat P.G.M., " "  
 Barrington T. Hill P.M., D.D.G.M., Kilwinning No. 64 Wadesboro, N.C..  
 Raleigh 500  
 W.R. Smith P.G.H.P., P.G.M. (R&SM); K.W. Parham D.D.G.M.P., Master; L... Alderman  
 Beaver Dam 276  
 J.W. Whitley Master W.M. Stewart J.A. Curlee M.O. Bowman  
 C.R. Pless P.M. Kellar Memorial 657 S.C. E.H. Wells Palacetown 296 Tenn.  
 Ureka 43 McColl, S.C.  
 A.W. Hamer M.D., Master J.P. Hamer Rufus Weatherby W.M. McCollum W.C.P. Bellenger  
 Macedonia 239 Jefferson S.C.  
 R.W. Segers J.N. Davis A.B. Holland, Jr.  
 Mt. Moriah 58 Pageland, S.C.  
 L.A. Usher W.D. Sutton J.L. Sutton L.P. Adams  
 W.B.S. Chandler Barrett 43 Live Oaks, Fla. A.R. Kistler Lawndale 486 N.C. 309  
 Ashley C. Chappell Young County 485 Graham, Texas. Nelson M. Harte Gastonia 32  
 D.C. McDougal Ogeechee 214 Georgia B. Wilson Riverside 606 Catawba, N.C.  
 Jackson 53 Lancaster, S.C.  
 W.J. Hendrix W.B. Montgomery C.C. Gregory G.W. Parks Camp Creek 317 SC  
 C.A. Hyatt Miduhion 546 R.L. Griffin E.T. McCain Waxhaw 562 B. Haney MB 576



Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
March 10th, 1931.

At a regular communication of North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666  
F. & A. M. held at the above date present:

Worshipful Brother	J. Ray. Shute, Jr., K.Y.C.H., P.P.G.M.		Master
"	Walter C. Crowell, K.Y.C.H., P.D.D.G.M.		Senior Warden
"	J. Ray. Lingle	as	Junior Warden
"	James M. Morrow	as	Treasurer
"	E. Clayton Laney		Secretary
"	Neil M. Redfern		Senior Deacon
"	Buren Price P.M.	as	Junior Deacon
"	L.G. Owensby	as	Senior Steward
"	J. Parks Hudson		Junior Steward
Rev.	Ashley C. Chappell D.D.	as	Chaplain
"	R.H. Garren M.D.		Tyler

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form, Brother Rowell offering prayer. The Minutes of the last regular meeting was omitted, as they are contained in the printed transactions.

Right Worshipful J. Edward Allen, Junior Grand Stewart, was then introduced and delivered a paper on William Preston and His Concept of the Philosophy of Freemasonry, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Brother Crowell offered a resolution thanking Brother Allen for his paper and making him an honorary member of the Correspondence Circle for the year 1931. The motion was unanimous. Brother Allen thanked the Lodge for same.

Brother N.D. Saleeby was thanked for his efforts in securing some cedar from the Forest of Lebanon for the Lodge, which is now being fashioned into gavels for the use of the Lodge.

Article 6, Section 4 of the by-laws was stricken from the records.

The following ~~members~~ Brethren were elected to membership in the Correspondence Circle: K.W. Parham, L.W. Alderman, F.M. Pinnix, A.B. Andrews, L.T. Hartsell, Jr., Harold VB Vochris, W.L. Boyden, R.F. Ebbs, Eureka Lodge #43, Stokes Lodge #32, Yadkin Falls Lodge #637, and Iowa Masonic Library.

All outstanding bills were read and ordered paid.

There being no further business to come before the Lodge, announcements of our next three meetings were made, the visitors thanked for their attendance, the minutes read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form, the Chaplain offering the devotional prayer. Visitors present:

W.R. Smith P.M., P.G.H.P., P.G.M. (R&SM)	Raleigh #500
J.W. Rowell P.M., P.A.G.L.	Mathews 461
W.D. Morton	"
John H. Norwood	Norwood 150
T.V. Howell P.M.	Kilwinning 64
A.R. Kistler D.D.S.	Lawndale 486
Carl <del>Midunion</del> Griffin	Midunion 618
Geo. E. Burns	Carolina 141
R.S. Knox	Williams 538
M.L. Joss	Joppa 530
W.E. Jones	Excelsior 261
Lee Griffin K.Y.C.H., D.D.G.H.P., Master	Monroe 244
J. Ray. Lingle Senior Warden	"
C.G. Saleeby Buren Price	" <i>E. Clayton Laney</i>
N.D. Saleeby L.T. Hamilton	" E. Clayton Laney, Secre.
W.J. Barnes D.H. Hinson	"
H.F. Taylor John Broome	"
Chas. Sell Geo. Green	"
F.H. Dillon J.W. Griffin	E.H. Wells D.V.S. Palacetown 296 Tennessee
J.E. Williams M.D.G.F. Lee A.B., A.M., Ph.D., M.D. Ionic #227 London Eng.	
J.M. Smith Rev. W.B.S. Chandler Barrett #43 Florida	
L.H. Hart D.C. McDougall Ogeechee 214 Georgia	
C.E. Hamilton C.R. Pless P.M. Kellar Memorial 657 South Carolina	
S.A.J. Saleeby	Waterman #82 Vermont
A.C. Chappell	Young County 485 Texas



Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
April 28th., 1931.

At a special communication of North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666  
A.F. & A.M. held at the above date present:

Worshipful Brother J. Ray. Shute, Jr., K.Y.C.H., P.P.G.M.,	Master
" Walter C. Crowell, K.Y.C.H., P.D.D.G.M., Senior Warden	
" Edwin Niven, P.M.	Junior Warden
" E. Clayton Laney	Secretary
" Neil M. Redfern	Senior Deacon
" J. J. Goudelock, W.D.	Junior Deacon
" J. Parks Hudson Junior Steward	as Tyler

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form. This communication being called for the purpose of discharging such business as may be before the Lodge, the Minutes were omitted and the following business dispatched:

Several applications for membership in the Correspondence Circle were received and favorable voted upon.

An invitation from the Lodges of Raleigh was read and accepted for the Lodge to have their April paper read before the Lodges of that city.

An invitation from Mt. Hermon Lodge of Asheville was read and accepted, this invitation asking us to have our May paper read before that Lodge.

An invitation from St. John's Lodge of Wilmington asking us to have our August paper read before that Lodge was accepted.

A verbal invitation from the Charlotte Lodges to have our June paper read before their Lodges was accepted.

Several bills were read and ordered paid.

There being nothing further to come before the Lodge, the Minutes were ordered held over, and the Lodge closed in due form.

*E. Clayton Laney*  
E. Clayton Laney, Secy.



At a regular communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666  
held at the above date present:

Worshipful Brother J. Ray. Shute, Jr., K.Y.C.H., P.P.G.M.,	Master
" Walter C. Crowell, K.Y.C.H., P.D.D.G.M.	Senior Warden
" Lee Griffin, K.Y.C.H., D.D.G.H.P. as	Junior Warden
" Olin B. Sikes	Treasurer
" E. Clayton Laney	Secretary
" L.H. Hart as	Senior Deacon
" Leon W. Rich as	Junior Deacon
" J.W. Rowell, P.M., P.A.G.L. as	Chaplain
" John M. Smith as	Tyler

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form, the Chaplain offering the Devotion to Duty. The Minutes of the Last Communication were omitted, as they were published in NOCALORE.

Several applications for membership in the Correspondence Circle were read and, on motion, received into the Circle.

The petition of Brother N.D. Saleeby, for membership, was read and referred to a Committee.

By Dispensation from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the ballot was spread and the following officers elected for the ensuing Masonic year:

Walter C. Crowell	Worshipful Master
Edwin Niven	Senior Warden
N.M. Redfern	Junior Warden
Olin B. Sikes	Treasurer
J. Ray. Shute, Jr.	Secretary

The incoming Master then announced the appointment of the following:

E. Clayton Laney	Senior Deacon
J. J. Goudelock	Junior Deacon
J. Parks Hudson	Senior Steward
Carr Bowie	Junior Steward
R.D. Pearson	Librarian
G.M. Smith	Director of Ceremonies
R.H. Garren	Tyler

The Librarian's report was then read and ordered included in the Minutes.

#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

W.M., I wish to report the following additions to the Library since our last meeting:

Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky  
Masonic Manual of the Grand Lodge of Alabama  
Masonic Legends and Tradition by Dudley Wright of London  
Some Thoughts on Masonic Symbolism by Chas. C. Hunt of Iowa  
English Speaking Freemasonry by Sir Alfred Robbins of London  
The Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross by A.E. Waite of Edinburgh  
Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies by J. Hugo Tatsch of New York  
Old Masonic Lodges of Penn. Vol 2 by J.F. Sachse of Philadelphia  
Emblematic Freemasonry by A.E. Waite of Edinburgh  
Proceedings of Grand Lodge of England 1723-39 by W.J. Songhurst of London  
Proceedings and Reviews from several Grand Jurisdictions  
Several Tracts, Pamphlets, and Magazines from all parts of the world

The Library now has around three thousand volumes and is growing steadily.

Anyone wishing to donate books or papers should send them to the Librarian.

R.D. Pearson, Librarian

R.W. Brother O. Frank Hart, K.Y.C.H., P.G.G.M., Grand Secretary of South Carolina, was then introduced and delivered a most pleasing lecture on "The Ethics of Freemasonry", which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Brother W.R. Smith, K.Y.C.H., then offered some comments on the lecture, which proved both interesting and amusing to all present.

Brother F.M.Pinnix, P.M., Editor of the Orphan's Friend and Masonic Journal, gave a few timely remarks for the benefit of the Brethren. Brother Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., K.Y.C.H. invited the Lodge of Research to hold on of its research programs in the city of Concord, when a program of this nature could be arranged. He was thanked for this.

Brother B.W.Barnett, P.M. 33rd., spoke for a few minutes asking for some information relative to Brother Hart's lecture, which was duly furnished by the lecturer.

Brother J.W.Rowell, P.M.P.A.G.L. entertained the Brethren with a few words along an historic line.

Brother W.T.Williams, P.M., D.D.G.W. (S.C.) complimented Lodge 666 on its work and asked to be invited at some future period to return.

Brother O.Frank Hart then installed the officers, who took their stations.

There being nothing further to come before the Lodge, an invitation was extended all visitors to be present in the city of Wilmington on the second Thursday in August, for the research program there, the Minutes read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.



J. Ray Shute, Jr. Secretary.

#### Visitors Present

O.Frank Hart, K.Y.C.H., P.G.G.M., Grand Secretary of South Carolina	
W.R.Smith, K.Y.C.H., P.G.H.P., P.G.M. (R&S M)	Raleigh Lodge 500
Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., K.Y.C.H., Gr.M. 3rd.V.	Stokes 32
F.M.Pinnix, P.M.	Oxford 396
W.T.Williams, P.M., D.D.G.M. (and others)	Jackson (S.C.) 53
Lee Griffin, K.Y.C.H., D.D.G.H.P.	Monroe 244
J.E.Stewart, K.Y.C.H., P.D.D.G.M.	
J.Ray Lingle, Master	W.T.Ballentine, Junior warden
L.F.Hart, Senior Warden	N.D.Saleeby, K.H.S.
J.M.Smith	Chas.Sells
H.M.Presson	Heath Davis
L.W.Rich	Buren Price, P.M.
Hall Keziah	E.B.Bivens
David Hinson	and others
B.W.Barnett, 33rd., P.M.	Excelsior 261
Brother Birkenwald, S.W.	"
" Hayden, Jr.	"
" " , Sr.	Shibboleth, Orangeburg, S.C.
C.R.Pless, P.M.	Kellar Memorial 857 " "
E.H.Wells	Palacetown 296 Tenn.

and many others



At a regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held at the above date, present:

Walter W. Crowell, P.M.,	Master
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Senior Warden
W. A. Morrow	as Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, Jr., P.M.,	Secretary
R. H. Garren, M.D.,	as Senior Deacon
Lee Griffin, P.M.,	as Junior Deacon
R. D. Pearson, M.D.,	as Senior Steward
H. H. Wilson	as Junior Steward
N. D. Saleeby, K.H.S.,	Tyler

A Master Mason's Lodges was opened in due form. The Minutes of the last regular, and intervening Communications, being published in NOCALORE, were omitted.

The petition of Brother N.D. Saleeby, for membership, was read and, on ~~the~~ ballot, he was elected to membership in the Lodge.

An invitation from the Lodges of Gastonia, inviting us to have our September <sup>paper</sup> read before those Lodges, was read and on motion accepted, the Gastonia Brethren being notified, as well as the speaker for that time.

There being nothing further to come before the Lodge, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.

*Invitation from Gastonia to have Oct. paper read accepted*



J. Ray. Shute, Jr., P.M., Secy.

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
18 Oct. 1931.

At a Regular Communication of North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

W. Brother	Walter C. Crowell, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.,	Master
"	Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Senior Warden
"	G.M. Smith, V.D.,	as Junior Warden
"	J. Ray. Shute, Jr., P.M.,	Secretary
"	N.D. Saleeby, K.H.S.,	as Senior Deacon
"	J. Parks Hudson	as Junior Deacon
"	Heath Davis, A.B.,	as Senior Steward
"	R.H. Garren, M.D.,	Tyler

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form. Reading of Minutes was omitted. The application of Brother L.G. Owensby for dimit, for the purpose of affiliating with Monroe Lodge No. 244, was on motion granted.

The application for membership pending dimit of Brother Heath Davis was received and ordered to take the usual course.

The Lodge voted to join in the movement to form an Executive Committee, for the purpose of better administering the affairs of the Temple and Bodies, and Brother Shute was elected the representative of Lodge 666.

No further business coming before the Body, the Minutes were read and approved and Lodge closed in due form.

  
J. Ray. Shute, Jr., Secy.

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
10 Nov. 1931.

At a Regular Communication of North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

W. Brother	Walter C. Crowell, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.,	Master
"	Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Senior Warden
"	R.D. Pearson, M.D.,	as Junior Warden
"	J. Ray. Shute, Jr., P.M.,	Secretary
"	N.D. Saleeby, K.H.S.,	as Senior Deacon
"	J. Parks Hudson	as Junior Deacon
"	R.H. Garren, M.D.,	as Senior Steward
"	Carr Bowie	Junior Steward
"	Lee Griffin, P.M.,	as Chaplain
"	John M. Smith	as Sr. Dir. of Ceremonies
"	Henry Smith	as Jr. Dir. of Ceremonies

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form. The reading of the Minutes of the last Communication was omitted.

The petition of Brother Heath Davis for membership by dimit was read and, on ballot, Brother Davis was elected to membership in the Lodge.

Several applications for membership in the Correspondence Circle were read and, on motion, elected to membership therein.

Brother Saleeby then read the following paper, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

No further business coming before the Body, the Minutes were read and approved and Lodge closed in due form. Chaplain offering prayer.

  
J. Ray. Shute, Jr. P.M., Sec'y.



Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
January 12, 1932.

At a Regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

Edwin Niven, P.M.	as	Worshipful Master
H.H. Wilson	"	Senior Warden
N.M. Redfern		Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, Jr., P.M.,		Secretary
N.D. Saleeby	as	Senior Deacon
Heath Davis	as	Junior Deacon
R.H. Garren		Tyler.

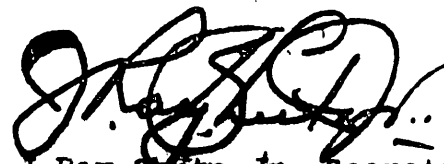
A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form. The Minutes of the last regular Communication were not read, as they were printed in Nocalore.

Announcement was made of the recent death of our beloved Master and a bill for a floral design for same was ordered paid from the funds.

In as much as a suitable memorial will be printed in Nocalore, nothing further shall be placed in these Minutes relative to Brother Crowell.

The Petition for the Degrees in Freemasonry of Mr. C.C. Sikes, properly filled out, was presented and referred to a Committee. (*withdrawn*)

No further business appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.

  
J. Ray. Shute, Jr., Secretary.

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Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
8 March 1932.

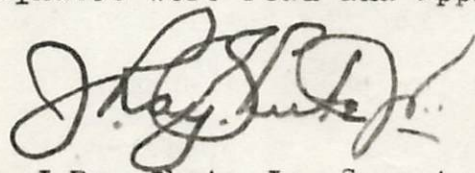
At a Regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 held on the above date present:

Edwin Niven, P.M.	as	Worshipful Master
Cyrus Smith, P.M.	"	Senior Warden
N.M. Redfern		Junior Warden
O.B. Sikes		Treasurer
J. Ray. Shute, Jr., P.M.		Secretary
H.H. Wilson	as	Senior Deacon
J.P. Hudson		Junior Deacon
Heath Davis	as	Senior Steward
W.A. Morrow	"	Junior Steward
R.H. Garren		Tyler

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form, the Minutes of the last meeting read for information. Several applications for membership in the Correspondence Circle were received and on ballot admitted therein.

By Special Dispensation from the M.W. the Grand Master, the Lodge proceeded to the election of a Master, to fill the unexpired term of the late W. Bro. W.C. Crowell, and on ballot Brother N.D. Saleeby was elected Master.

Brother Shute then installed the newly elected Master on the Throne. No further business appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.

  
J. Ray. Shute, Jr., Secretary.



Masonic Temple,

Monroe, N.C.,

9 August 1932.

At a Regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research  
No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

N.D. Saleeby,	Worshipful Master
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Senior Warden
Neil M. Redfern	Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, II, P.M.,	Secretary
J. Heath Davis, as	Senior Deacon
William A. Morrow, as	Junior Deacon
R. H. Garren,	Tyler

## Visitors present

Jno. M. Smith, Monroe Lodge No. 244, Monroe, N.C.

R. C. Walton, Harper Lodge No. 225, Andrews, S.C.

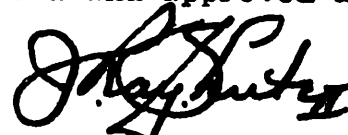
A. H. Smith, " " " " " "

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form, the Minutes of the  
last Communication not being read, as extracts thereof were printed.

Several members were elected into the Correspondence Circle.

Plans for 1933 were discussed and a Committee, consisting of  
Brothers Edwin Niven, Neil M. Redfern and J. Ray. Shute, II, was appointed  
to arrange for the several changes to be made in the business of the  
Lodge and for the developement of the plans for the coming year.

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and  
the Lodge was closed in due form.



J. Ray. Shute, II, Sec'y..

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
18 December 1932.

At a Regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date there were present:

Worshipful Brother	N.D. Saleeby,	Master
"	Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Senior Warden
"	N.M. Redfern,	Junior Warden
"	J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
"	W.A. Morrow, as	Treasurer
"	J. Heath Davis, as	Senior Deacon
"	J.P. Hudson, as	Junior Deacon
"	R.H. Garren	Tyler

Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form, prayer being offered by the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Communication having been printed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

By unanimous vote the Regular Communications of the Lodge were changed from the second Tuesday of each month to the fourth Thursday.

On motion and unanimous vote Demits were granted to Brothers R.D. Pearson and R.E. Lee, for the purpose of becoming unaffiliated.

By unanimous vote the annual dues for membership in the Correspondence Circle were raised from three to five dollars per annum.

The invitation from Excelsior Lodge to conduct a research program within their Lodge during ~~March~~ <sup>February</sup> was accepted and Brother Davis selected to prepare and read a paper on the occasion.

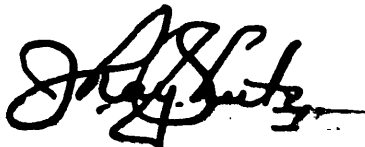
This being the time for the annual election of Officers, the ballot was spread and the following duly elected, to wit:

Worshipful Brother	Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Master
"	Neil M. Redfern,	Senior Warden
"	James Heath Davis,	Junior Warden
"	Olin B. Sikes,	Treasurer
"	J. Ray. Shute, II, P.M.,	Secretary

The Worshipful Master elect was then pleased to appoint:

Brother	J. Parks Hudson,	Senior Deacon
"	R.H. Garren,	Junior Deacon
"	G. Marvin Smith,	Senior Steward
"	Carr Bowie,	Junior Steward
"	J.J. Goudelock,	Senior Dir. Ceremonies
"	W.A. Morrow,	Junior " "
"	H. Hall Wilson,	Marshal
"	W. Harvey Morrison,	Librarian
"	Wm. J. Rudge, Sr.,	Tyler

No further business appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.



Secretary.



Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
23 March 1933.

At a Regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, there were present:

Worshipful Brother	N.D. Saleeby,	Master
"	Edwin Niver,	Senior Warden
"	N.M. Bedfern	Junior Warden
"	O.B. Sikes,	Treasurer
"	J. Hay. Shute,	Secretary
"	J.H. Davis, as	Senior Deacon
"	W.A. Morrow, as	Junior Deacon
"	J.M. Smith, as	Tyler.

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form, the Secretary offering Prayer, after which the Minutes of the Last Communication were read for information to the members.

Several Members were elected into the Correspondence Circle.

The Secretary rendered a report of the meeting of the Lodge with Excelsior Lodge of Charlotte, in February, and reported a good meeting.

An Official Call was read from the M.W. the Grand Master, calling upon all Lodges to meet on 4 April for a reconsecration to Freemasonry.

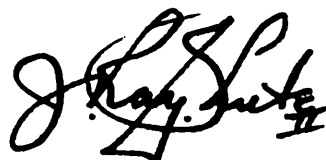
Some fraternal correspondence was read from Germany and ordered filed.

This being the time appointed for the Installation of Officers, W. Bro. Shute then proceeded to install the Elective Officers of the Lodge for 1933, as well as the Junior Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Saleeby acting as Marshal. The appointive Officers were then installed by proxy.

The newly installed Master officially called a Communication of the Lodge for 4 April, to be held conjointly with Monroe Lodge, for the purpose of carrying into effect the request of the M.W. the Grand Master.

Brother J.W. Lindsay, Gainesville Lodge No. 41, F.C. (Gainesville, Fla.), was then introduced and delivered a short informal talk which was enjoyed by all present.

There being nothing further to come before the Lodge, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.



J. Hay. Shute, II, Sec'y..

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
22 June 1933.

At a Regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research,  
No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, there were present:

Worshipful Brother	Edwin Niven,	Master
"	N.M. Redfern,	Senior Warden
"	J.H. Davis,	Junior Warden
"	J. Ray. Shute,	Secretary
"	N.D. Saleeby, as	Senior Deacon
"	H.H. Wilson, as	Junior Deacon
"	R.H. Garren	Tyler
Visitors:	J.M. Smith	} Monroe Lodge #244, city.
"	J.S. Stearns	

A Master's Masons' Lodge was opened in due form, the Secretary offering prayer, after which the Minutes of intervening Communications were read.

Several Members were elected into the Correspondence Circle.

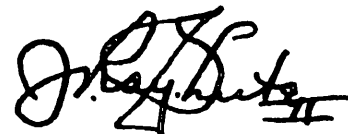
The dues of Brother J. Parks Hudson were remitted and he was granted a demit.

The following Brethren were elected to Active Membership, to wit:

Most Worshipful Brother	John H. Anderson
"	E.W. Timberlake
Right	J. Hugo Tatsch
"	Wm. Ritchie Smith
"	Junius S. Stearns

The By-Laws were revised and adopted, by sections, as attached hereto.

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.



J. Ray. Shute, II, Sec'y.



## BY-LAWS

Recognizing its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina, and acknowledging the supremacy of the Constitution and Laws thereof, and for the better government of the Lodge and the regulation of the conduct of the members, the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., do enact the following BY-LAWS:

## ARTICLE I

## Name

Section 1. The name of this Lodge shall be THE NORTH CAROLINA LODGE OF RESEARCH, NO. 666, A.F. & A.M..

## ARTICLE II

## Objects

Section 1. The primary objects of this Lodge are to:

- A Assimilate and diffuse true Masonic knowledge;
- B Create a forum for educational addresses on ~~the~~ subjects of Freemasonry and allied institutions and sciences;
- C Create a meeting place for Masonic students to gather and read, or listen to, original papers on matters of Masonic research and to enter into discussion on the same;
- D To publish the Transactions of those meetings, or delegate that business to others to perform, which are to be sent to the Members of the Lodge and Correspondence Circle;
- E To establish and maintain a library and museum, which shall be open for the use of its members and associates;
- F To publish books, pamphlets, brochures, sketches, papers, and other interesting matter, which its members, or others, may submit for publication and the Lodge desire to publish;
- G To republish and reprint any and all such data as may be deemed to the best interests of the Lodge and its members;
- H To publish a Craft journal, when the demand shall justify and the Lodge deem ~~it~~ expedient;
- I To confer yearly a medal, to be known as THE RESEARCH AWARD, to those members of the Lodge and Circle who have made such contributions to the Lodge and its work as in the opinion of the Lodge Committee merits this distinction and honor;
- J To work in close harmony with any departments, committees, or other agencies of Grand Lodge in Masonic education and study, provided such assistance is desired, ~~and the Lodge cares to;~~
- K To create a Correspondence Circle, which shall:
  - 1. Be open to any Master Mason in the world, or any corporate body of the Fraternity, libraries, or other institutions;
  - 2. Offer every privilege to the members thereof which the members of the Lodge enjoy, save that such members may not vote or hold office in the Lodge;
  - 3. Request that the members thereof send papers to the Secretary, to be read ~~and read~~ before the Lodge and then printed in the Transactions;
  - 4. Request their attendance on the Communications of the Lodge and a participation in the activities thereof;
  - 5. Give to all members thereof a Correspondence Circle Medal, upon payment of the sum of five dollars;
- L To perform any and all other duties of a research Lodge.

## ARTICLE III

## Meetings

Section 1. The Regular Communications of the Lodge shall be held in either Monroe or Raleigh, North Carolina, on every Saturday night of each and every month of the year.

- Sec.2. The hour for the meetings shall be at seven thirty p.m. during the months of October, November, December, January, February and March and at eight p.m. during the other months.
3. The Master may call Special Communications for specific purposes, provided that the Secretary shall notify all members of such meetings and no business may be transacted at a Call Meeting except that for which the meeting was called.

## ARTICLE IX

### Officers

Section 1. The elective Officers of the Lodge shall be:

- A. Master
- B. Senior Warden
- C. Junior Warden
- D. Treasurer
- E. Secretary

Sec.2. These Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting, excepting only the Master, who shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote.

Sec.3. The appointive Officers shall be:

- A. Senior Deacon
- B. Junior Deacon
- C. Chaplain
- D. Senior Steward
- E. Junior Steward
- F. Marshall
- G. Senior Director of Ceremonies
- H. Junior Director of Ceremonies
- I. Librarian
- J. Tyler

K. The Immediate Past Master, by virtue of his rank, shall be seated at the right of the Master and assist him in all things and at his request preside over the Lodge.

Sec.4. These Officers, with the exception of "K", shall be appointed by the Master as soon after the election of Officers as is convenient.

Sec.5. All Officers of the Lodge shall hold their offices for one year and/or until their successors have been elected, or appointed, and installed.

Sec.6. The Officers shall be elected each year at the Regular Communication ~~held on the first Monday of December, as is provided in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina~~ *held on the first Monday of December, as is provided.*

Sec.7. The Installation of Officers shall be conducted at the first Regular Communication held at the beginning of each year.

Sec.8. The duties of the Officers shall be such as are usually required of such Officers in well regulated Lodges of Masons, *and under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.*

## ARTICLE V

### Committees

Section 1. There shall be four standing committees of the Lodge:

- A. The Committee of General Purposes, which shall:
  - 1. Arrange the programs of the Communications,
  - 2. Recommend the recipients for awards and honors,
  - 3. Have general supervision over the affairs of the Lodge not incumbent upon its Officers or other Committees;
- B. The Committee on the Orphanage at Oxford, which shall:
  - 1. Secure funds for the Oxford Orphanage,
  - 2. Keep in communication with the institution,
  - 3. Arrange dates for the Singing Class in Monroe, N.C.,
  - 4. Perform any and all other duties pertaining to the Oxford Orphanage;



## C. The Committee on Finance, which shall:

1. Make an annual audit of the books of the Treasurer and Secretary and render a report of their findings to the Lodge,
2. Make inquiry into prices of such things as are needed by the Lodge and make recommendations relative thereto,
3. Recommend the publication of such items as they may deem to the best interest of the Lodge to publish,
4. To have general charge of the financial affairs of the Lodge and to offer recommendation relative thereto;

## Section

## D. The Committee on Charity, which shall:

1. Keep in close touch with all cases of charity within the jurisdiction of the Lodge and, with cooperation of similar Committees of other Lodges, do all in their power to remedy such cases, and to make recommendations to the Lodge,
2. To see that Masons in adverse circumstances shall receive relief, as far as it is in the power of the Lodge so to do.

## ARTICLE VI

## Dues

Section 1. The Annual Dues for membership in the Lodge shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), payable in advance, on or before the first day of January of each and every year, and for which a dues card shall be furnished.

Sec. 2. The Annual Dues in the Correspondence Circle shall be five dollars (\$5.00), payable in advance, and for which a dues card shall be issued.

Sec. 3. All members of the Lodge and Correspondence Circle shall be entitled to receive the Transactions without additional cost.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall issue voucher and the Treasurer a check, in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for each and every member of the Lodge and Correspondence Circle, annually, which sum shall be paid into NOCALORE PRESS, for the purchase of Transactions for such members (NOCALORE PRESS being a private operating company and not owned by the Lodge.)

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall not pay annual dues, but shall receive said amount as his remuneration for services rendered.

## ARTICLE VII

## Voting

Section 1. All motions shall be made in writing, or a copy of the motion furnished the Secretary in ample time for it to be recorded into the Minutes of that meeting of the Lodge.

Sec. 2. All voting shall be governed by the CODE of Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE VIII

Saving Clause *to members*

Section 1. All matters concerning this Lodge, and not included in these BY-LAWS, shall be governed by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided however, that motions shall not be in contradistinction to the prescribed and adopted Laws of the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina.

*Sec 1 Amended  
Dec 19th 1942  
Sec. 2 Amended 12/19/42*

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
23 Dec. 1933.

At a Regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research,  
No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

Edwin Niven,	Worshipful Master
N.D. Saleeby, P.M., as	Senior Warden
J. Heath Davis,	Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
H. Hall Wilson, as	Senior Deacon
J. S. Stearns, as	Junior Deacon
J. J. Goudelock	Sr. Dir. of Cer.
R. H. Garren	Tyler

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form, the Secretary offering Prayer. The Minutes of the last Communication were dispensed with and not read, since a synopsis appeared in Nocalore.

The Petitions of the following Brethren, having been previously presented and approved by Grand Secretary, were read and the petitioners regularly elected to active membership in the Lodge, viz:

J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, North Carolina  
Jno. A. Livingstone, of Raleigh, " "  
Wm. Moseley Brown, of Clarendon, Virginia.

Several new members were admitted into the Correspondence Circle.

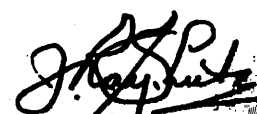
This being the regular time for the annual election of Officers, the following were unanimously elected for 1934:

James Heath Davis,	Worshipful Master
Junius S. Stearns,	Senior Warden
Edgar W. Timberlake,	Junior Warden
Olin B. Sikes,	Treasurer
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
Jno. A. Livingstone,	Senior Deacon
J. Edward Allen,	Junior Deacon
Wm. Moseley Brown,	Marshall
John H. Anderson,	Senior Steward
Wm. Ritchie Smith,	Junior Steward
H. Hall Wilson,	Librarian
N.D. Saleeby, P.M.,	Sr. Dir. of Cere.
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Jr. Dir. of Cere.
R. H. Garren,	Tyler

(the last nine being appointed by the Worshipful Master elect)

The Secretary's report was presented and approved; several matters pertaining to the coming year were discussed and Brother Stearns, Chmn., Brother Niven and Brother Wilson were appointed a Committee to arrange for a renovation of the Lodge room and any and all other matters connected with the quarters, Library, etc. of the Lodge.

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.

  
J. Ray. Shute, Sec'y.

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
13 January 1934.

At a regular Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of  
Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date; present:

Edwin Niven, P.M.                      Worshipful Master

J.S. Stearns,                      as                      Senior Warden

J. Heath Davis,                      Junior Warden

J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,                      Secretary

N.D. Saleeby, P.M., as                      Senior Deacon

H.W. Hall Wilson, as                      Junior Deacon

William Moseley Brown

Visitor: Charles A. Snodgrass.

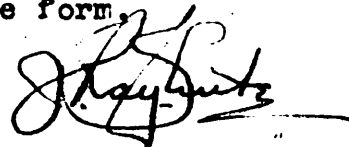
A Master Masons Lodge was opened in due form, the Secretary  
offering Prayer.

Brother James M. Morrow requested a demit, which was granted.

The Research Award for 1934 was awarded to D.S. Johnson, P.M.

This being the time for the installation of Officers, they were,  
with exception of E.W. Timberlake, Junior Warden, duly installed by  
H.W. Brother Wm. Moseley Brown, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, as  
Installing Master; and W. Brother Chas. A. Snodgrass, Grand High Priest  
of Tennessee, as Marshall.

Nothing further appearing before the Lodge, the Minutes were  
read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Sec'y.



Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
21 April 1934.

At a regular communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date; present:

James Heath Davis,		Worshipful Master
Junius S. Stearns,		Senior Warden
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	as	Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,		Secretary
H. Hall Wilson,	as	Senior Deacon
N. D. Saleeby, P.M.,	as	Junior Deacon
F. H. Garren,		Tyler

'A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form, the Secretary offering prayer.

The reading of the Minutes of the last communication was omitted.

The petition of Lee Griffin for active membership in the Lodge was read and on motion he was duly elected on the Plural Membership Plan, he being a Past Master and member of Monroe Lodge, No. 244.

The Committee on Repairs rendered their report, which was adopted and they were instructed to continue their work, to the end that we may eventually have our Library and Museum.

No further business appearing before the Lodge, the minutes were read and approved, after which the Lodge was duly closed in Harmony.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Sec'y.

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
7 July 1934.

At a regular communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date; present:

James Heath Davis,		Worshipful Master
Junius S. Stearns,		Senior Warden
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	as	Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,		Secretary
N. D. Saleeby, P.M.,	as	Senior Deacon
H. Hall Wilson,	as	Junior Deacon
R. H. Garren		Tyler

Visitor

John M. Smith, Monroe Lodge, No. 244, A.F. & A.M., Monroe, N.C.

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form, the Secretary offering prayer.


The reading of the minutes of previous communications was dispensed with, extracts thereof having been printed in NOCALORE.

The following brethren, members of Stokes Lodge, No. 32, A.F. & A.M., Concord, N.C., were elected to active membership on the Plural Membership Plan:

Luther Thompson Hartsell, Jr., P.M.  
Gilbert Hendrix, P.M.

Several members were elected to the Correspondence Circle.

After a short discussion of the question of the Library and Museum, the minutes were read and approved and the Lodge duly closed, Peace and Harmony prevailing.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Sec'y.

Masonic Temple,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
4 December 1934.

At a regular communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date; present:

James Heath Davis,		Worshipful Master
Junius S. Stearns,		Senior Warden
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	as	Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,		Secretary
N. D. Saleeby, P.M.,	as	Senior Deacon
H. Hall Wilson,	as	Junior Deacon
H. H. Garren		Tyler
G. M. Smith		Member

#### Visitors

J.E. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., J.H. Myers, P.M., L.F. Hert, P.M., H.L. Hinson, all of Monroe Lodge, No. 244, Monroe, N.C..

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form, V.W. Brother J. Ed. Stewart offering prayer.

Minutes of former communications were not read, as extracts were printed in NOCALORE, to which the membership had access.

The Secretary presented a financial statement which was accepted.

A committee, consisting of J.S. Stearns, Chairman, J. Ray. Shute, N.D. Saleeby, Edwin Niven, and H. Hall Wilson, was appointed to investigate the matter of immediately building a Library and Museum and if it deemed the same advisable to proceed with the building at once.

This being the time for the annual election of officers, the ballot was spread and the following unanimously elected & installed.

Junius Stitt Stearns,		Worshipful Master
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),		Senior Warden
Edgar Walter Timberlake, P.G.M.,		Junior Warden
Olin Blakeney Sikes,		Treasurer
John Raymond Shute, P.M.,		Secretary

The Master was then pleased to appoint the following:

N. D. Saleeby, P.M.,	Senior Deacon
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Junior Deacon
James Heath Davis, P.M.,	Marshall
Luther Thompson Hartsell, Jr., P.M. (32),	Senior Steward
Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. (32),	Junior Steward
Henry Hall Wilson,	Librarian
John Huske Anderson, P.G.M.,	Sr. Dir. of Ceremonies
William Moseley Brown, P.G.M. (Va.C.) Jr.	Dir. of Ceremonies
Robert H. Garren,	Tyler

The officers were installed by V.W. J. Ed. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., and those present took their stations accordingly.

The minutes being read and approved, the Lodge was duly closed.

J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Sec'y.



Junius St. Stearns,	Worshipful Master
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244)	Senior Warden
J. Heath Davis, P.M.,	Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
G. Marvin Smith, as	Treasurer
N. D. Saleeby, P.M.,	Senior Deacon
H. Hall Wilson, as	Junior Deacon
Robt. H. Garren,	Tyler

The Minutes of the last communication were read for information.

The Secretary and Master spoke briefly on the state of the Lodge and plans for the coming year were discussed fully. The Secretary's report was read and adopted. K.W. Parkman and Mike Saliba initiated members of the Lodge. My Laws amended changing day of regular communication to every Tuesday.

John Edward Allen, S.G.D.,	Worshipful Master
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),	Senior Warden
Edgar Walter Timberlake, P.G.M.,	Junior Warden
Olin Blakeney Sikes, J.M.,	Treasurer
John Raymond Shute, P.M.,	Secretary

N.D.Saleeby,P.M.A	Senior Deacon
Edwin Niven,P.M.,	Junior Deacon
James Heath Davis,P.M.,	Marshal
Luther Thompson Hertsell,Jr.,P.M.(32)	Senior Steward
Gilbert H.Vendrix,P.M.(32),	Junior Steward
Henry Hall Wilson,	Librarian
John Huske Anderson,P.G.M.,	Sen.Dir.of Ceremonies
William Moseley Brown,P.G.M.(Va.C.)	Jun.Dir.of Cere.
Robert H. Garren,	Tyler

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.

J. Ray Shute, P.M., Sec'y.

At a regular communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

N.D. Saleeby, P.M.,	as	Worshipful Master
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),		Senior Warden
Junius S. Stearns, P.M.,	as	Junior Warden
J. Ray Shute, P.M.,		Secretary
J. Heath Davis, P.M.,	as	Senior Deacon
Edwin Niven, P.M.,		Junior Deacon
H. Hall Wilson,	as	Tyler

Visitors: Henry L. Hinson, S. Henry Green, P.M. (244), John M. Smith, P.M. (244), Louie F. Hart, P.M. (244), Joel H. Myers, P.M. (244), J. Ed. Stewart, P.D. D.G.M., and A.M. Secrest.

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the last communication were not read, agreeably to a motion dispensing with same.

The following brethren were duly elected to active membership of the lodge on the dual membership plan: Solomon Henry Green, P.M. (244), Henry Lee Hinson (244), and Clarence Jay West, P.M. (Dist. of Columbia Constitution).

The invitation of Lodge 76, Greensboro, to hold a communication in the city of Greensboro during May was accepted subject to the Master's wishes.

The lodge voted unanimously to remain in its present quarters; this being the subject of a controversy with Monroe Lodge No. 244 and the York Rite Bodies.

The lodge voted unanimously to vest title in all of its properties, finances and equities in the Masonic Temple Building Company of Monroe, N.C., Inc., to hold in trust for the lodge until such time as the lodge may recall this property, etc., and that the lodge shall have free use of said properties, etc., as it may desire.

Nothing further appearing, the minutes were read and approved and the lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.



J. Ray Shute, P.M., Sec'y.

Monroe, N.C.,  
2 Oct., 1936.

At a special communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., called for the purpose of acting upon several applications and petitions, held on the above date, present:

Junius S. Stearns, P.M., as  
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),  
J. Heath Davis, P.M., as  
J. Ray Shute, P.M.,  
N.D. Saleeby, P.M.,  
S. Henry Green, P.M. (244), as  
Henry L. Hinson, as

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Secretary  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Tyler

Visitors

Louie F. Hart, P.M. (244), John M. Smith, P.M. (244), Joel H. Myers, P.M. (244),

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the last communication were not read.

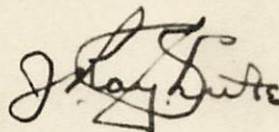
The following brethren were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, granted demits: John H. Anderson and Olin B. Sikes.

The following petitions for membership were duly presented and on ballot the petitioners were elected to active membership of the lodge: Walter A. Lane, Dr. Charles H. Pugh (Gastonia), S.W. (665), G.R.A.C. (R.A.M.), P.I.M. and P.Comm. and John M. Smith, P.M. (244), P.H.P., P.I.M..

The invitation from the lodges of Greensboro to Lodge 666 to hold a communication there during the first two weeks of November was read and accepted; to the Master and Secretary was left all arrangements.

The Secretary presented an outline of the financial status of the lodge which revealed that we are in good financial condition.

Nothing further appearing, the minutes were read and approved and the lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.



J. Ray Shute, P.M., Secretary.



Greensboro, N.C.,  
10 November 1936.

At a Special Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

J. Edward Allen, J.G.W.,  
K.W. Parham, P.M. (500), as  
Wm. R. Smith, Asst. G. Sec., as  
J. S. Stearns, P.M.,  
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,  
N.D. Saleeby, P.M.,  
John M. Smith, P.M. (244), as  
Henry L. Hinson, as  
J. S. Stearns, P.M., as  
W.R. Butler, P.M. (76), as

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Senior Steward  
Junior Steward  
Tyler

#### Visitors

E.W. Bridges, H.L. Bridges, W.R. Bulter, W.S. Mitchell, R.H. Mitchell, P.M., E.R. Ford, P.M., O.W. Duke, P.M., and P.W.G. Nielson, of Greensboro, No. 76; P.P. Turner, P.M., A.M. Stanton, J.F. Wilkins, J.L.M. Smith and Fred L. Stafford, of Corinthian, No. 542; W.F. Crayton and John J. Phoenix, P.G.M., of Revolution, No. 552; Z.V. Young, of Youngsville, No. 377; T.H. Gaskins, of Concord, No. 58, and J.H. Foote, of Winston, No. 167.

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form and the North Carolina Lodge of Research and Greensboro Lodge both declared opened.

This communication having been called for educational and inspirational purposes, Brother Earley W. Bridges, S.W. of 76, was introduced and read a synopsis of his 300pp history of the Masonic Governors of North Carolina, which was discussed at length and greatly enjoyed by all present.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Lodge was closed in due form, Harmony and Peace prevailing.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Secretary.

Monroe, N.C.,  
1 December, 1936.

At the annual communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

J. Edward Allen, J.G.W.,  
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),  
J. Ed. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., as  
J.S. Stearns, P.M.,  
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,  
N.D. Saleeby, P.M.,  
John M. Smith, P.M. (244), as  
James Heath Davis, P.M.,  
Henry L. Hinson, as  
Walter A. Lane, as  
H. Hall Wilson,  
Robert H. Garren,

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Marshal  
Senior Steward  
Junior Steward  
Librarian  
Tyler

#### Visitors

J. Ed. Stewart (244)

Wm. R. Smith (500)

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form, the reading of the minutes of previous communications being dispensed with.

The Master announced that this being the regular communication of the Lodge, the annual reports would be read and the officers elected. The Secretary and Treasurer presented reports showing the financial condition of the Lodge to be healthy.

Demits were granted to the brethren William J. Rudge, Sr., and Wm. Moseley Brown.

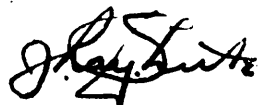
The Secretary delivered a short, but appropriate, talk on the work which the Master had done during the year and voiced the appreciation of the Lodge to him for his interest, enthusiasm and cooperation. The Master responded with fitting words.

The time having arrived for the annual election of officers, the ballot was cast and the following officers selected for the ensuing year:

Edgar Walter Timberlake, P.G.M.,	Worshipful Master
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),	Senior Warden
Luther Thompson Hartsell, Jr., P.M. (32),	Junior Warden
Junius Stitt Stearns, P.M.,	Treasurer
John Raymond Shute, P.M.,	Secretary

The officers present presented themselves west of the Altar and were duly installed by the Master. The Master then instructed the Secretary to notify the Master-elect and Junior Warden-elect of their election and to request their Lodges to duly install them for Lodge 666, the Master stating that he would personally install the new Master.

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Secretary.

Monroe, N.C.,  
3 August 1937.

At a regular communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date, present:

J. Heath Davis, P.M., as  
Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),  
S. Henry Green, P.M. (244), as  
Junius S. Stearns, P.M.,  
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,  
Henry L. Hinson, as  
H. Hall Wilson, as  
J. Ed. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., as

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Tyler

Visitors.

Cyrus Smith, Joel H. Myers, Louie F. Hart, C.A. Price, J.E. Stewart (244).

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form, the reading of the minutes of the previous communication being dispensed with.

The Secretary announced that the officers, elected and appointed, who reside away from Monroe had been duly installed, by request, in their own Lodges. The following are the appointive officers for the year:

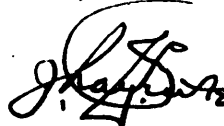
Kennon W. Parham, P.M. (500),  
S. Henry Green, P.M. (244),  
James Heath Davis, P.M.,  
Edwin Niven, P.M.,  
J. Edward Allen, P.M.,  
H. Hall Wilson,  
Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. (32),  
Michel Saliba, P.D.D.G.M.,  
Robert H. Garren,

Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Marshal  
Senior Steward  
Junior Steward  
Librarian  
Sr. Director of Ceremonies  
Jr. Director of Ceremonies  
Tyler

*Carroll B. Smith*  
D. Demits were granted to <sup>A</sup> N.D. Saleeby, P.M. and John M. Smith, P.M. (244).

.. The Secretary reported that an invitation had been received from the Lodges at Raleigh for Lodge 666 to hold a meeting at that place during the fall of the year. The matter was referred to the Master for his consideration.

Nothing further coming before the Lodge, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Secretary.



Monroe, N.C., 11 December 1937.

The annual communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., was held on the above date with the following present:

M.W. E.W. Timberlake, P.G.M.,	Master
W. Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),	Senior Warden
R.W. J. Edward Allen, P.M., S.G.W., as	Junior Warden
W. Junius S. Stearns, P.M.,	Treasurer
W. J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
W. K.W. Parham, P.M., (500),	Senior Deacon
W. S. Henry Green, P.M. (244),	Junior Deacon
W. J. Heath Davis, P.M.,	Marshal
W. Edwin Niven, P.M.,	Senior Steward
W. Leon Godown, P.M. (32), as	Junior Steward
W. Royal C. Stephenson, Master (500), as	Librarian
W. Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. (32),	Sr. Director of Ceremonies
Bro. H. Grady Gibson, as	Jr. Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Frederic F. Bahnson, as	Tyler

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of previous communications were read for information.

The Secretary read his annual report, showing income of \$605.60, plus bank balance at beginning of year (\$50.11), total \$655.71; disbursements \$622.16, balance on hands \$33.55. This report, together with that of the Treasurer was referred to the Finance Committee, which in turn rendered its report (all reports are filed in Secretary's office).

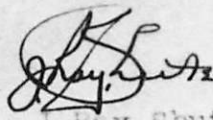
R.W. Bro. Allen then read a paper entitled "John Hall", which was discussed by Brothers Timberlake and Shute; the Master-elect then read a paper on "John Louis Taylor", which was discussed by Brothers Parham and Shute. "The Horse in Freemasonry", by Wm. L. Boyden, was the title of a paper read by the Secretary which was discussed at length.

This being the time for the annual election of officers, the ballot was spread and the following duly elected: Lee Griffin, Master; Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., Senior Warden; Kennon W. Parham, Junior Warden; Junius S. Stearns, Treasurer; and, J. Ray. Shute, Secretary. The newly elected Master was then pleased to announce the following appointive officers: S. Henry Green, Sr. Deacon; Michel Saliba, Junior Deacon; Edwin Niven, Marshal; J. Heath Davis, Sr. Steward; E.W. Timberlake, Junior Steward; H. Hall Wilson, Librarian; J. Edward Allen, Sr. Director of Ceremonies; Gilbert H. Hendrix, Jr. Director of Ceremonies; and, Robt. H. Garren, Tyler.

With the exception of Brother Hartsell, the officers were duly installed by Brother Timberlake, proxies being used for the appointive officers who were absent. The Secretary was requested to notify Brother Hartsell of his election and to request Stokes Lodge, No. 32 to install him as a courtesy to Lodge 666.

The Master announced the following committees: GENERAL PURPOSES, J. Ed. Allen, Chairman, J. Ray. Shute and Kennon W. Parham; ORPHANAGE AND CHARITY, J. S. Stearns, Chairman, J. Heath Davis and Edwin Niven; FINANCE, Henry L. Winson, Chairman, S. Henry Green and Gilbert H. Hendrix; PUBLICATIONS, J. Ray. Shute, Chairman, E.W. Timberlake and J. Edward Allen.

After a round table discussion of the Lodge, its work and future, the minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form, Harmony and Peace prevailing abundantly.



J. Ray. Shute, Secretary.



York Chapel,  
Monroe, N.C.,  
December 1938.

At a regular communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., held on the above date there were present:

Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),  
J. Heath Davis, P.M., as  
Henry L. Hinson, as  
J. S. Stearns, P.M.,  
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,  
Henry Green, P.M. (244), D.D.G.M.,  
H. H. Wilson, as  
J. Ed. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., as  
Visitors

Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Junior Deacon  
Senior Deacon  
Tyler

C. A. Price, Cyrus Smith, and J. Ed. Stewart.

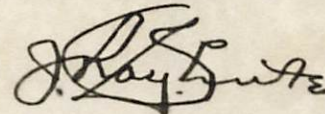
A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due, the reading of the Minutes of the last communication being dispensed with.

Several members to the Correspondence Circle were elected and the Secretary reported several who were dismembered.

A Demite was granted to W. A. Lane and ~~W. A. Lane~~.

The following applications for membership on the dual membership plan were read and on ballot were elected: Royal C. Stephenson, Early W. Bridges and Frederic P. Bahson.

Nothing further appearing, the minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Secretary.

York Chapel, Monroe, N.C.,  
17 December 1938.

The annual communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M., was holden on the above date with the following present:

W. Lee Griffin, P.M. (244),	Master
W. Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., P.M. (32),	Senior Warden
W. Kennon W. Parham, P.M. (500),	Junior Warden
W. Junius S. Stearns, P.M.,	Treasurer
W. J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
V.W. S. Henry Green, D.D.G.M.,	Senior Deacon
V.W. Michel Saliba, P.D.D.G.M.,	Junior Deacon
W. Earley W. Bridges, P.M. (76), as	Marshal
Bro. Frederic F. Bahnson, as	Senior Director of Ceremonies
W. Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. (32),	Junior Director of Ceremonies
W. Royal C. Stephenson, P.M. (500), as	Librarian
Bro. Henry L. Hinson, as	Senior Steward
W. Charles H. Pugh, P.M. (369), as	Junior Steward
W. Frank C. Abernethy, P.M. (369) visitor, as	Chaplain
Bro. H. Grady Gibson, visitor, as	Tyler

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form. The Minutes of the previous communication were read for information.

The annual reports of the Treasurer, Secretary and Finance Committee were read and adopted, with appreciation being expressed for their services.

Bro. Bahnson read a paper by Ward K. St. Clair, which was discussed by Brothers Shute, Bahnson, Saliba and Parham.

This being the time for the regular election of officers, the following were duly elected: L.T. Hartsell, Jr., Master; W. Parham, Senior Warden; S.H. Green, Junior Warden; J.S. Stearns, Treasurer; and, J.R. Shute, Secretary. The Master was then pleased to appoint: Michel Saliba, Senior Deacon; Fred. F. Bahnson, Junior Deacon; E.W. Bridges, Marshal; J.E. Allen, Senior Steward; E.W. Timberlake, Junior Steward; Lee Griffin, Librarian; J.H. Davis, Senior Director of Ceremonies; Edwin, Junior Director of Ceremonies; and, Robt. H. Garren, Tyler. Also the following committees were appointed: GENERAL PURPOSES J.E. Allen, Chairman, J.R. Shute and A.V. Parham; ORPHANAGE AND CHARITY J.S. Stearns, Chm., J.H. Davis and Edwin Niven; FINANCE Henry L. Hinson, Chairman, S. Henry Green and Edwin Niven; and PUBLICATIONS J. Ray. Shute, Chairman, E.W. Timberlake and Michel Saliba. The Junior Warden was installed by the retiring Master, after which the D.D.G.M. then installed the other officers present.

Bro. Hartsell read a paper by F.M. Simcox, which was discussed by the brethren at length, after which Bro. Parham spoke at length on the past and future of the Lodge, making certain recommendations which were agreed to and which will be worked out during the year it is hoped.

Nothing further appearing before the Lodge, the Minutes were read and approved, the circle of friendship formed, with Bro. Bahnson delivering the prayer, and the Lodge duly closed, Harmony and Peace prevailing.



J. Ray. Shute, Secretary.



The annual communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A.F. & A.M. was holden on the above date with the following present:

L.T. Hartsell, P.M. (32),	Master
K.W. Parham, P.M. (500),	Senior Warden
S. Henry Green, D.D.G.M.,	Junior Warden
J.S. Stearns, P.M., Treasurer, as	Secretary
Michel Saliba, P.D.D.G.M.,	Senior Deacon
Leon Godown, P.M. (32), as (visitor)	Junior Deacon
E.W. Bridges, P.M. (76),	Marshal
G.H. Hendrix, P.M. (32),	Tyler

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous communication was read for information.

The Reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee were read, accepted and ordered approved and filed.

Bro. Parham spoke regarding the removal of the Lodge to Raleigh and explained the reasons for suggesting same, which met with the approval of the members present.

The petitions for active membership of Brothers D. Ernest Bulluck, G.H.P. and Wm. C. Mudgett, P.G. Comm. were read and the ballot being spread and found to be clear, these brethren were elected as members...

The Master spoke on the position of Lodge 666 relative to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, its mission in the Craft, the work done in the past and plans for the future and a general discussion then followed, resulting in the election of a committee, to consist of the incoming elective officers, to confer with the Grand Master and to thereby seek a permanent position for Lodge 666 and a specific place in the historical work of Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in the state.

Bro. Bridges read an original paper on James Glasgow, first Grand Secretary of North Carolina, which was enjoyed and discussed by the members.

This being the time for the annual election of officers, the following were elected and appointed and those present installed by the immediate Past Master:

K.W. Parham, Master; S. Henry Green, Senior Warden; Michel Saliba, Junior Warden; J.S. Stearns, Treasurer; J. Ray. Shute, Secretary; Fred. F. Bahnson, Senior Deacon; E.W. Bridges, Junior Deacon; G.H. Hendrix, Marshal; Royal C. Stephenson, Senior Steward; D. Ernest Bulluck, Junior Steward; Lee Griffin, Librarian; Edwin Niven, Sr. Director of Ceremonies; J. Feeth Davis, Jr. Dir. of Ceremonies; and, L.T. Hartsell, Tyler.

Nothing further appearing, the minutes were read and approved, prayer offered and the Lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.

*J. S. Stearns*  
J.S. Stearns, Secretary pro tem.



Masonic Temple, Monroe, N.C.,  
9 March 1940.

At a regular communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M., holden on the above date, the following were present:

S. Henry Green, D.D.G.M., S.W., as	Master
Edwin Niven, P.M., as	Senior Warden
J. Heath Davis, P.M., as	Junior Warden
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
J. S. Stearns, P.M., Treas., as	Senior Deacon
Henry L. Hinson, as	Junior Deacon
H. Hall Wilson, as	Tyler

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form. The Minutes of the last communication were read for information.

Demits were granted to the following members: W. Harvey Morrison, Fred M. Smith, Robt. H. Garren, Lee Griffin, P.M..

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.

*J. Ray Shute*  
J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Secretary.

Masonic Temple, Monroe, NC  
21 December 1940.

The annual communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M., was holden on the above date with the following present:

K. W. Parham, P.M. (500),	Master
S. Henry Green, D.D.G.M.,	Senior Warden
Herbert M. Foy, P.D.D.G.M., as	Junior Warden
J. S. Stearns, P.M.,	Treasurer
J. Ray. Shute, P.M.,	Secretary
Frederic F. Bahnson,	Senior Deacon
Charles H. Pugh, as	Junior Deacon
Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. (32),	Marshal
Leon Godown, P.M. (32), as	Senior Steward
Frank C. Abernethy, P.D.D.G.M., as	Junior Steward
H. Grady Gibson, P.M. (32), as	Librarian
Andrew S. Melvin, P.M. (369), as	Sr. Dir. of Cer.
J. Heath Davis, P.M.,	Jr. Dir. of Cer.
E. Boyd Grady, P.M. (32), as	Chaplain
Luther T. Hartsell, Gr. Stew.	Tyler

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form. The Minutes of the previous communication was read for information.

The annual reports of the Treasurer, Secretary and Finance Comm. were read and adopted, with appreciation being expressed for their services.

A prepared paper was read by the Master, followed by discussions. A round robin was held on the future of Lodge 666 and all present took part in the discussion. The Grand Master-elect was proposed for active membership and the Secretary requested to send him an application form.

This being the time for the regular election of officers, the following were duly elected: S. Henry Green, Master; Michel Saïba, Senior Warden; Fred. F. Bahnson, Junior Warden; J. S. Stearns, Treas.; J. Ray. Shute, Secretary. The Master was then pleased to appoint the following: E.W. Bridges, Senior Deacon; Gilbert H. Hendrix, Junior Deacon; Royal S. Stephenson, Marshal; D. Ernest Bulluck, Senior Steward; Luther T. Hartsell, Junior Steward; J. Heath Davis, Librarian; K.W. Parham, Sr. Dir. of Ceremonies; E.W. Timberlake, Jr. Dir. of Ceremonies; J. Edward Allen, Chaplain and H. Hall Wilson, Tyler. Those present were duly installed by Past Master Hartsell.

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge duly closed in Peace and Harmony prevailing.



J. Ray. Shute, P.M., Secretary.

York Chapel, Monroe  
20 December 1941.

The annual communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 A.F. & A.M. was holden on the above date with the following present:

S. Henry Green, D.D.G.M.,		Master
Michel Saliba, P.D.D.G.M.,		Senior Warden
Luther T. Hartsell, P.M., Gr. Stew.,	as	Junior Warden
Junius S. Stearns, P.M.,		Treasurer
J. Ray Shute, P.M., P.G. Hist.,		Secretary
Early W. Bridges, P.M. (76),		Senior Deacon
Charles H. Pugh, P.M. (369),	as	Junior Deacon
J. Edward Allen, P.M., P.G.M.,		Chaplain
E. Boyd Grady, P.M. (32),	as	Senior Steward
Edwin Niven, P.M.,	as	Junior Steward
J. Heath Davis, P.M.,		Librarian
K.W. Parham, P.M.,		Tyler

A Master Masons Lodge was opened in due form. The Minutes of the last communication were read for information.

The annual reports of the Treasurer, Secretary and Finance Committee were read and approved. On motion the incoming Master, Wardens and Brother Shute were to act as a publication committee for the ensuing year.

A demit was granted to P.M. Edwin Niven, one of our founders.

The Secretary read a paper entitled "The Origin of Degrees", which was discussed briefly, after which short talks were made by Grand High Priest Pugh, Grand Commander Abernethy, Grand Steward Hartsell, Grand Historian Allen and Grand Auditor Parham.

This being the time for the regular election of officers, the following were duly elected: Michel Saliba, Master; Fred F. Bahnson, Senior Warden; Early W. Bridges, Junior Warden; J.S. Stearns, Treasurer; and, S. Henry Green, Secretary. The Master-elect was then pleased to appoint: Gilbert H. Hendrix, Senior Deacon; Royal G. Stephenson, Junior Deacon; D. Ernest Bulluck, Marshal; J. Edward Allen, Chaplain; J. Ray Shute, Librarian; E.W. Timberlake, Senior Steward; Charles H. Pugh, Junior Steward; J. Heath Davis, Sr. Director of Ceremonies; Luther T. Hartsell, Jr. Director of Ceremonies; and, K.W. Parham, Tyler. Those present were then installed by P.G.M. Allen.

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge duly closed, Peace and Harmony prevailing.



S. Henry Green, P.M., Secretary.



York Chapel, Monroe, N. C.  
December 19, 1942.

The Annual Communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 A. F. & A. M. was holden on the above date with the following present:

Early W. Bridges P.M. (76) J.W.	as Master
Luther T. Hartsell, P.M., Jr. G.D.	as Sen. Warden
Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. (32)	as Jr. Warden
Junius S. Stearns, P.M.	Treas.
S. Henry Green, P.M., D.D.G.M	Sec'y.
E. Boyd Grady, P.M. (32)	as Sen. D.
Leon Godown, P.M. (32)	as Jr. D.
J. Ray Shute, P.M., P.G. Historian	as Sen. S.
Junius S. Stearns, P.M.	as Jr. S.
Leon Godown, P.M. (32)	as Tyler.

A Master Masons Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last Communication were read for information.

The annual reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and approved.

In recognition of his meritorious service to The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 Brother E. W. Timberlake, P.M., P.G.M. was unanimously elected a life member of this lodge.

By action of the Lodge, the publication of NOCALORE, the annual publication, was suspended for the duration of the war.

Article VI, Sec. I lines 1 and 2 of the By-Laws was amended to read "The annual dues for membership in the Lodge shall be five (5.00) dollars per annum for the duration of the war." and Sec. 2 amended by adding to this section the sentence, "Beginning Jan. 1, 1943 no dues will be collected for the duration of the war."

It was regularly moved and unanimously carried that the dues of all members serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America be remitted for the duration of the war.

It was regularly moved, and passed by the lodge, that contact by correspondence be kept up with outstanding Masons of foreign jurisdictions with whom we have been closely allied in the past, for the purpose of continuing the close fraternal relationship that has existed between them and this lodge. The Master appointed Brothers J. Ray Shute and Luther T. Hartsell a committee to write as many of these outstanding masons as they may be able to reach.

The lodge voted to remit the dues of Brother J. Ray Shute for the year of 1942 in consideration of his valuable services in editing and arranging for the publication of NOCALORE.

This being the time for the election of officers the following were elected for the ensuing year:

Frederic F. Bahnacn, P.M. -----	Master
E. W. Bridgers, P.M. -----	S.W.
Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. -----	J.W.
Junius S. Stearns, P.M. -----	Treas.
S. Henry Green, P.M., D.D.G.M. ***-----	Sec'y.
Royal E. Stevenson, P.M. (Jan)-----	S.D.
D. Ernest Bulluck, P.M., D.D.G.M. -----	J.D.
J. Edward Allen, P.M., P.G.M. -----	Marshal
J. Ray Shute, P.M., P.G. His. -----	Chap.
E. W. Timberlake, P.M., P.G.M. -----	Librarian
Luther T. Hartsell, P.M., Jr. G.D. -----	S. Director of Cer.

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K. W. Parham, P.M. ----- J. Director of Cer.  
Michel Saliba, P.M., P.D.D.G.M. --- ~~Sec. 1.~~

The officers present were installed by Junior Grand Deacon, Luther T. Hartsell.

The Secretary was directed to request Winston-Salem Lodge No. 167 to install the Master, Fred F. Bahnson.

No other business appearing the minutes were approved and the lodge closed in due form.



S. Henry Green, Secretary.

York Chapel, Monroe, N. C.  
December 18, 1943.

The Annual Communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M. was holden on the above date with the following officers filling the stations and places:

E. W. Bridges, P.M.(76) ----- as Master  
C. H. Pugh, P.M.(369), D.D.G.M ----- as S.W.  
G. M. Hendrix, (32) ----- as J.W.  
J. S. Stearns, P.M.(666) ----- Treas.  
S. H. Green, P.M.(244, 666) D.D.G.M. Sec'y.  
Leon Godown, P.M.(32) ----- as S.D.  
A. S. Melvin, Jr. P.M.(369) ----- as J.D.  
Frank C. Abernethy, P.M.(~~366~~ 468) ----- as Tyler

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last Communication were read for information.

The annual reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that they were keeping in touch with many of the erstwhile noted members of the Correspondence Circle and noted foreign Masonic dignitaries. Following this report the Master appointed the same Committee on Correspondence consisting of J. Ray Shute and Luther T. Martsell for the ensuing year. Demits were granted to Brothers K. W. Parham and W.C. Mudgett.

By action of the Lodge the Treasurer and Secretary were directed to purchase two (2) one hundred dollar War Bonds.

J. Edward Allen, P.M., P.G.M. was appointed to serve with the Master as a committee to arrange for a meeting of this Lodge to be held in Greensboro sometime during the year and to select speakers for the occasion.

Brothers Frank C. Abernethy, P.M. and P.G.C. of The Grand Commandery, A. S. Melvin, P.M. and P.I.G.M. of the Grand Council, Leon Godown, P.M. and G. M. of the 3rd V. of the Grand Chapter and E. Boyd Grady, P.M.(32), distinguished guests at this meeting, were recognised cordially welcomed.

The Master appointed J. Ray Shute and Luther T. Martsell a committee to arrange for a paper to be read at the next annual communication to be held on December 16, 1944.

This being the time for the election of officers, the following were duly elected for the ensuing term:

E. W. Bridges, PM, (76), Master	*		
Gilbert M. Hendrix, PM (32), S.W.	*	M. H. Wilson,	S.S.
C. H. Pugh, PM, DDGM (369), J. W.	*	M. L. Minson	J.S.
J. S. Stearns, PM, (666), Treas.	*	J. Edward Allen, PGM	Mar.
S. H. Green, PM, DDGM 500 Sec.	*	J. Ray Shute, PM, PGM	Chap.
R. C. Stephenson, PM (40) S. D.	*	E.W. Timberlake, PGM	Lib.
D. E. Bulluck, PM (230) DDGM J. D.	*	L.T. Martsell, SGD	Sen. D, S. <i>Sen. D.</i>
	*	Michel Saliba, PM	Jr. D.S. <i>Jr. D.S.</i>
	*	Fred F. Bahnson, PM	Tyler.

The officers present were installed by Senior Grand Deacon, Luther T. Martsell.

No other business appearing the minutes were approved and the Lodge closed in due form.

*S. Henry Green* Secretary.

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York Chapel  
Monroe, N. C.  
December 16, 1944.

The Annual Communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 was held on the above date with the following officers filling the stations and places:

E. W. Bridges, PM (76) -----Master  
Gilbert H. Hendrix, PM (32) -----S.W.  
Charles H. Pugh, PM (369), DDGM -----J.W.  
S. Henry Green, PM (244-666), DDGM -----Sec.  
Junius S. Stearns, PM (666) -----Treas.  
E. Boyd Grady, PM (32) -----as-S.D.  
Leon Godown, PM (32) -----as J.D.  
A. S. Melvin, PM (369) -----as Tyler.

A Master Masons lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last Communication were read for information.

The annual reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were presented and adopted.

The petition of R. H. Garren for re-affiliation by demit was acted upon and he was by unanimous vote restored to active membership. Under the plural membership plan, the following were nominated and unanimously elected to active membership, viz: W. N. Harper, Past Master (639); E. Boyd Grady, Past Master (32), and Leon Godown, Past Master (32).

Invitations were received from Greensboro Lodge No. 76, Corinthian No. 542 and Revolution No. 552 of Greensboro to hold a joint communication with them at a date to be decided upon later. Brother J. Ray Shute was appointed to write a history of The N. C. Lodge of Research and its accomplishments to be read at the Greensboro meeting.

Distinguished visitors at this communication were Brothers W. N. Harper, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina; Leon Godown, Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of N. C.; Frank C. Abernethy, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of N. C.; A. S. Melvin, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of N. C.; and E. Boyd Grady, Past Master of Stokes Lodge NO. 32.

This being the time for the election of officers, the following were elected for the ensuing term:

Gilbert H. Hendrix, PM (32) -----	Master	H. L. Hinson -----	S.S.
C. H. Pugh, PM (369) DDGM -----	S.W.	W. A. Morrow -----	J.S.
R. C. Stephenson, PM 504 -----	J.W.	J. Ed. Allen, PM, PGM -----	Marshal
J. S. Stearns, PM (666) -----	Treas	J. Ray Shute, PM, PGH -----	Chap.
S. H. Green, PM (244-666) -----	Sec.	E. W. Timberlake, PM, PGM -----	Lib.
D. E. Bulluck, PM (230) DDGM -----	S.D.	L. T. Hartsell, PM, JGW -----	S. D. Cer.
H. H. Wilson -----	J.D.	E. W. Bridges, PM -----	Jr. D. Cer.
		J. Heath Davis, PM -----	Tyler

The officers were installed by Luther T. Hartsell, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

No further business appearing, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Minutes approved.

*[Signature]*  
----- Secretary.



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YORK CHAPEL  
Monroe, N. C.  
~~Dec~~ 15, 1945.

The Annual Communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 866 was held on the above date with the following officers filling the stations and places:

Gilbert H. Hendrix, PM (32) -----Master  
J. Ray Shute, PM, PGH -----as S.W.  
Luther T. Hartsell, PM, SCW -----as J.W.  
Junius S. Stearns, PM (666) -----Treas.  
S. Henry Green, PM (244-866) BDCM Sec.  
L. F. Hart, PM (244) -----as S.D.  
E. Boyd Grady, PM (32) -----as J.D.  
J. Heath Davis, PM (666) -----Tyler.

A Master Masons Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last communication were read for information.

The annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented and adopted.

Article VI, Sec. 1 and 2 of the By-Laws was amended to read, "The annual dues for membership in the Lodge shall be ten (10.00) dollars per annum"; and the amendment to Sec. 2 passed on December 19, 1942 was stricken out, and dues of Correspondence Circle members were waived for the year 1946.

Upon motion unanimously carried, it was ordered that the minutes of the Lodge since the suspension of the publication of NOCALORE, December 19, 1942, be printed and distributed to members of the Lodge and members of the Correspondence Circle.

By unanimous vote, it was decided to resume the publication of NOCALORE as soon as practicable, and J. Ray Shute was appointed editor.

This being the time for the election of officers, the following were elected and appointed for the ensuing term:

Charles H. Pugh ----- Master  
R. C. Stephenson ----- S. W.  
D. Ernest Bulluck ----- J. W.  
J. Heath Davis ----- Treas.  
S. Henry Green ----- Sec.  
E. Boyd Grady ----- S. D.  
W. N. Harper ----- J. D.  
J. S. Stearns ----- S. S.  
Leon Godown ----- J. S.  
J. Edward Allen ----- Marshal  
J. Ray Shute ----- Chaplain  
Luther T. Hartsell --- Sen. D. of Cer.  
E. W. Bridgers ----- Jr. D. of Cer.  
Gilbert H. Hendrix --- Tyler.

The officers were installed, with the exception of the Master, Sen. W. and Jr W. It was moved that the Secretary request the home lodges of the Master, Sen. and Jr. Wardens to install them and to notify this Lodge of the date of their installation.

Nothing further appearing, the minutes were approved and the Lodge closed in due form.

*S. H. Green*  
S. H. Green, Secretary.

YORK CHAPEL  
Monroe, N.C.,  
14 Dec. 1946

The Annual Communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666 A.F. & A.M. was held on the above date with the following present:

Charles H. Fugh, P.M. (369)	Worshipful Master
Royal C. Stephenson, P.M. (500)	Senior Warden
J. Ed Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., as	Junior Warden
J. Heath Davis, P.M.,	Treasurer
J. Ray Shute, P.M., Chaplain, as	Secretary
E. Boyd Grady, P.M. (32)	Senior Deacon
Andrew S. Melvin, P.M. (369), as	Junior Deacon
Herbert M. Foy, P.M. (322), as	Marshal
Junius S. Stearns, P.M.,	Senior Steward
Leon Godown, P.M. (32),	Junior Steward
H. H. Wilson,	Librarian
Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., P.M.,	Senior Dir. Ceremonies
E. W. Bridges, P.M.,	Junior Dir. of Ceremonies
Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M.,	Tyler
Visitor: Ed. K. Willis (32)	

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form. The Minutes of the last regular Communication were read for information. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented and approved.

Brother Hendrix reported that he and Brother Melvin had, just prior to the meeting, visited our beloved Secretary, Brother Green, in the hospital, carrying him flowers and reported Brother Green in good spirits. By a rising vote the Lodge instructed the acting Secretary to convey the love of the Lodge to Brother Green and wish for him a speedy recovery.

The following Past Masters were elected active members of the Lodge:

Millard F. McKeel, H. M. Foy and Ed. K. Willis, who were greeted as such.

P. M. Bridges presented the Museum of the Lodge an apron and trowel commemorating the 125th anniversary of his mother Lodge, No. 76, and the Lodge expressed its appreciation therefor.

This being the time for the annual election of the officers of Lodge 666, the following were elected and appointed and with the exception of Brothers Bulluck and Harper duly installed by Brother Hartsell, Bro. Melvin, Marshal:

Royal C. Stephenson, P.M. (500)	Worshipful Master
D. Ernest Bulluck, P.M. (230)	Senior Warden
E. Boyd Grady, P.M. (32)	Junior Warden
J. Heath Davis, P.M.	Treasurer
S. Henry Green, P.M.	Secretary
J. Ray Shute, P.M.	Chaplain
W. N. Harper, P.M. (530)	Senior Deacon
J. S. Stearns, P.M.	Junior Deacon
H. H. Wilson	Librarian
Leon Godown, P.M. (32)	Senior Steward
Millard F. McKeel, P.M. (104)	Junior Steward
Herbert M. Foy, P.M. (322)	Marshal
Luther T. Hartsell, P.M. 43	Senior Director of Ceremonies
E. W. Bridges, P.M.	Junior Director of Ceremonies
Charles H. Fugh, P.M.	Tyler

Nothing further appearing, the Minutes were read and approved and the Lodge closed in due form, Peace and Harmony prevailing.

*J. Ray Shute*  
J. Ray Shute, Secretary pro tempore



# The Grand Lodge of North Carolina

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

LEON GODOWN, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

TWENTY-FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

September 25, 1947

Dear Ray:

Am enclosing a copy of the minutes of the meeting in Concord on September 19th, which I wrote in the absence of our Secretary.

You will note that in the opening of The North Carolina Lodge of Research, I stated that the Lodge was "opened with the following officers present" rather than stating that they occupied their regular stations and places, and recorded some of the members present as filling one or two stations and places. If I have listed any of them oncorrectly, please arrange them properly.

It was a real pleasure to see you again, even for so brief a period. From what I can gather from various Brethren who were present, I'm sure everyone is agreed that this was a splendid meeting.

Please give my best regards to Sarah, and to "Uncle Henry" Green. The next time you are over this way, please stop in at the school for a few minutes. I would like to talk over a few matter with you.

Sincerely,

*Green*

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# The Grand Lodge of North Carolina

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

LUTHER T. HARTSELL, JR., GRAND MASTER

CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

September 11, 1947

To: The Master, Wardens and Brethren  
North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A. F. & A. M.  
Monroe, North Carolina

It appearing from your request that North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A. F. & A. M. of Monroe, N. C., desires to hold a joint special communication with Stokes Lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M. of Concord, N. C., in the auditorium of the Concord High School on Friday night, September 19, 1947, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., the reason for such request being that the Lodge room of Stokes Lodge is too small to accommodate the anticipated gathering,

You are, therefore, authorized to open North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A. F. & A. M. in the auditorium of Concord High School on Friday night, September 19, 1947, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., to transact business, and to close the Lodge.

Done at Concord, North Carolina, under my hand and seal this the 11th day of September, 1947.

*Luther T. Hartsell, Jr.*

L. T. Hartsell, Jr.  
Grand Master

LTHjr/mmr



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Hall of Stokes Lodge, No. 32  
Concord, N. C.  
September 19, 1947

The second of a series of events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Stokes Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., was held on Friday, September 19, 1947. There was a joint communication of Stokes Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M. and the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A. F. & A. M. On this same date there was also held the annual meeting of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District of North Carolina.

The first section of the District Meeting was opened at 2:30 p. m., in the Masonic Hall. At this time, M. W. Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, and R. W. Wilbur L. McIver, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina met with the Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and other officers of the lodges in the Twenty-fifth District. Many important phases of the part Masonry is playing in the affairs of the world today, <sup>were discussed</sup> and the several officers were instructed as to how they might improve the work of their respective lodges.

The twelve lodges composing the Twenty-fifth Masonic District of North Carolina, which were all well represented, are as follows: Stokes Lodge, No. 32, Concord; Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Salisbury; Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, Norwood; Scotch-Ireland Lodge, No. 154, Cleveland; Eureka Lodge, No. 283, China Grove; Stanly Lodge, No. 348, Albemarle; Spencer Lodge, No. 543, Spencer; Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576, Salisbury; Union Lodge, No. 618, Midland; Cannon Memorial Lodge, No. 626, Kannapolis; Yadkin Falls Lodge, No. 637, Badin; Keller Memorial Lodge, No. 657, Rockwell.

During the afternoon session, the M. W. Grand Master, as has been his custom in all District Meetings held thus far this year, stressed the importance of impressing those who are received into the lodges, the real meaning of Masonry.

Following the adjournment of the afternoon meeting, a most delightful old-time picnic barbecue dinner was served at 6 p. m. on the Concord High School.

Hall of Stokes Lodge  
Concord, N.C.  
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funds. Slightly more than 500 Masons partook of this repast.

After dinner, the largest crowd of Masons ever to assemble in Concord, gathered in the Concord High School auditorium.

Stokes Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M. was opened in due form at 7:15 p. m., with the following officers occupying their respective stations and places:

Earl E. Duckett, Master  
C. T. Lyerly, Senior Warden  
Jesse N. Parker, Junior Warden  
E. B. Elliott as Treasurer  
John Hugh Williams, as Secretary  
Rev. J. N. Wise, as Chaplain

E. W. Liverman, Senior Deacon  
W. L. Sloop, Junior Deacon  
R. E. Huntley, Senior Steward  
H. W. Ritzman, Junior Steward  
A. R. Erwin, Tyler

The North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, A. F. & A. M., of Monroe, was opened in due form with the following officers present:

Royal C. Stephenson, Master  
E. W. Timberlake, PM, Senior Warden  
E. Boyd Grady, Junior Warden  
~~Robert H. Hendrix~~ Secretary  
Treasurer  
J. Ray Shute, PM, Chaplain  
W. N. Harper, Senior Deacon  
J. S. Stearns, Junior Deacon

Leon Godown, Senior Steward  
M. F. McKeel, Junior Steward  
E. K. Willis, as Marshall  
L. T. Hartsell, Jr., Sr. D. of Ceremonies  
E. W. Bridges, Jr. D. of Ceremonies  
C. H. Pugh, PM, ~~Chaplain~~ Tyler

The Worshipful Master of Stokes Lodge extended greetings to the nearly 400 Masons assembled, expressing his delight with such a fine attendance, despite the fact that the evening was so extremely hot, and that a football game was being played on nearby Webb Field.

R. W. Leon Godown, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District of North Carolina, was then introduced by Brother E. W. Liverman. He was given grand honors and was escorted to the East, where the Worshipful Master greeted him cordially, and then requested that he act as Grand Marshall during the presentation of a number of distinguished guests.

The acting Grand Marshall presented a number of North Carolina's most distinguished Masons before the East, where they were accorded grand honors, after which they were escorted to the rostrum. These eminent Masons were received in the following order: M. E. Millard F. McKeel, PGHP, of Washington, Grand

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Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina; R. E. John H. Parker, of New Bern, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina; M. Ex Charles C. Ricker, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina; M. Ex William N. Harper, of Charlotte, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina; R. W. Andrew S. Melvin, of Gastonia, Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-eighth Masonic District of North Carolina; M. W. Edgar W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest, Past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina; Worshipful Brother J. Ray Shute, of Monroe, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; Worshipful Brother Charles H. Pugh, of Gastonia, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; R. W. Wilbur L. McIver, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; Most Worshipful Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

R. W. Leon Godown, DDGM, then re-convened the communication of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District of North Carolina. The roll call of the lodges of this district revealed that there were 385 Brethren present.

The North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, had 13 members in attendance.

Other lodges represented, with a total of 17 members present, were as follows: Greensboro Lodge, No. 76, Greensboro; Oxford Lodge, No. 122, Oxford; Forest City Lodge, No. 381, Forest City; Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, Asheville; Raleigh Lodge, No. 500, Raleigh; St. John's Lodge, No. 3, New Bern; Joppa Lodge, No. 520, Charlotte; Wake Forest Lodge, No. 282, Wake Forest; Sanford Lodge, No. 151, Sanford; Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, Gastonia; Orr Lodge, No. 104, Washington, N. C.; National Lodge, No. 12, Washington, D. C.; Oklahoma City Lodge, No. 36, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Gate City Lodge, No. 11, Rattone, N. M.; Ranah Lodge, No. 39, Danville, Va.; Akron Lodge, No. 83, Akron, Ohio.

Worshipful Brother Duckett, Master of Stokes Lodge, No. 32, then introduced Worshipful Brother J. Ray Shute, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who was one of the founders, and the first Master of the North Carolina

Lodge of Research, No. 666. Brother Shute gave a synopsis of the history of that lodge in a most engaging manner. By reason of being one of the most brilliant students of Masonry in the State and Nation, Brother Shute presented a highly interesting word picture of the purpose for which the Lodge of Research was founded; its past accomplishments; and its plans for the future.

The Worshipful Master presented R. W. Leon Godown, PM, DDGM, historian of Stokes Lodge, No. 32, who spoke briefly on the early history of the lodge 150 years ago. He also called attention to important contributions many of its members had made to the efforts of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in promoting the doctrines of Masonry down through the years.

Worshipful Brother Royal C. Stephenson, Master of the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, in a few well-chosen words, then introduced M. W.

Edgare W. Timberlake, Past Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Timberlake, who is head of the law school of Wake Forest College, has a nation-wide reputation as an eminent leader in Freemasonry, and as an excellent orator. His subject for the evening's discussion was "What It Means To Be a Mason."

M. W. Brother Timberlake began by stating that he first wanted to point out what it does not mean to be a Mason, as follows: (1) To be a Mason does not mean merely to receive three degrees; (2) It does not mean merely to assume three obligations; (3) It does not mean merely to wear the lambskin, or white leather apron; (4) It does not mean merely to have the privilege of wearing the Square and Compasses. To be a Mason, he added, does not mean any one or all of these things.

The speaker then told his listeners that to be a Mason means the following things:

(1) To be a Mason means ever to hold high the ideals and principles of Masonry; (2) It means to exemplify these ideals and principles in our daily



avocations; (3) It means to exemplify these ideals and principles in brotherly love. Love is the greatest motivating force of the universe in which we live; (4) It means to exemplify these ideals and principles in unselfish service to our fellow men; (5) It means to exemplify these ideals and principles in loyalty, one of the greatest human attributes; (6) It means to exemplify these ideals and principles in toleration; (7) It means to exemplify these ideals and principles in good citizenship. A good Mason is always a good citizen.

The splendid address by M. W. Brother Timberlake was really a masterpiece, and it was thoroughly appreciated by the entire assemblage. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that this address was one of the very finest heard in this district in many years.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Hartsell, a beloved member of Stokes Lodge, No. 32, was then presented, and he received a tremendous ovation. Thus far, in the discharge of his duties as Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, he has endeared himself to Masons in each district he has visited. He has left no doubt in the minds of members of the Craft throughout the State that he will be recognized as one of the greatest Grand Masters ever to occupy that exalted position.

Rev. Brother A. DeLeon Gray, superintendent of Oxford Orphanage, that home for underprivileged children, so dear to the hearts of all North Carolina Masons, was next introduced. He extended greetings from the more than 300 children entrusted to his care, and spoke briefly on the work of that institution.

R. W. Gilbert H. Hendrix, PM, PDDGM, who is general chairman of the Stokes Lodge sesqui-centennial committee, was called to the rostrum, and was heartily commended for the splendid work he and the members of his committee are doing.

Next in order were some announcements by Brother Jesse N. Parker, Jr. W., secretary of the sesqui-centennial committee, concerning plans for a great 150th anniversary celebration to be held by Stokes Lodge, No. 32, on December 2, 1947.

The Twenty-fifth Masonic District attendance prize, a silver gavel, was again won by Keller Memorial Lodge, No. 657, Of Rockwell. This lodge had 66.7 per cent of its entire membership present, thus enabling the Brethren from Rockwell to take home the prize for the third consecutive year.

There being no further business, Stokes Lodge, No. 32 and the North Carolina Lodge of Research, No. 666, were closed in due form.

Carl Chiswick  
Master

John Lytle Williams  
Secretary, pro tem  
Stokes Lodge No. 32

Ross L. Thompson  
Master

Gilbert H. Hendrix  
Sec'y. Protem  
N. C. Lodge of Research No. 666

Masonic Hall  
Monroe, N. C.  
December 6, 1947

The Annual Communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research No. 666, A.F. & A.M. was held on the above date with the following present:

Royal C. Stephenson, P.M. (500)	-----	Master
D. Ernest Bulluck, P.M. (230)	-----	Sen. W.
E. Boyd Grady, P.M. (32)	-----	Jr. W.
J. Heath Davis, P.M. (666)	-----	Treas.
S. Henry Green, P.M. (244-666)	-----	Sec'y.
J. Ray Shute, P.M. (666)	-----	Chap.
W. N. Harper, P.M. (530)	-----	Sen. D.
J. S. Stearns, P.M. (666)	-----	Jr. D.
Leon Godown, P.M. (32)	-----	Sen. S.
Millard F. McKeel, P.M. (104)	-----	Jr. S.
Luther T. Hartsell, Jr. P.M. (32-666)	G.M. -----	Sen. Dir. Ceremonies
Early W. Bridges, P.M. (76-666)	-----	Jr. Dir. Ceremonies
Charles H. Pugh, P.M. (369-666)	-----	Tyler.

Members:

Gilbert H. Hendrix, P.M. (32-666); Edward K. Willis, P.M. (32);  
J. Edward Allen, P.M. (10-666) Past G.M. ----

Visitors:

Wallace E. Caldwell, Jr. Grand Warden; J. E. Stewart, P.M. (244) P.D.D.G.M.;  
L. F. Hart, P.M. (244); Andrew S. Melvin, P.M. (369) D.D.G.M. 28th District;  
Charles D. Roberts, P.M. (244) D.D.G.M. 26th District; Phillip Rawlins,  
P.M. (229); J. E. Rooker, P.M. (10); W. Hoyte Maness, Sen. Warden (244).

A Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form.

The following distinguished Masons were presented and accorded Grand Honors: Most Worshipful Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; Rt. Worshipful Wallace E. Caldwell, Jr. Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of N. C.; Rt. Worshipful J. Ray Shute, Grand Orator, Grand Lodge of N. C.; Rt. Worshipful Charles H. Pugh, Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of N. C.; Rt. Worshipful Charles D. Roberts, D.D.G.M. 26th Masonic District; Rt. Worshipful Leon Godown, D.D.G.M. 25th Masonic District; Rt. Worshipful Andrew S. Melvin, D.D.G.M. 28th Masonic District.

Minutes of the last and intervening Communications were read for information. The reports of the Secretary and treasurer were presented and approved.

The following Past Masters applied for membership, and were elected active members of the Lodge; Charles Anderson Harris, Harry Wilbur Walker, John Edward Rooker, Jr., Phillip Joseph Thomas Rawlins, and Ross Shumaker.

Past Master J. Ray Shute made a talk on future research, suggesting that it would be well to have a history of the origin of the Royal Arch Masonry, and the Council Degrees in North Carolina, prepared by some member or members of the Lodge, and presented for publication.

Rt. Worshipful Wallace E. Caldwell, Junior Grand Warden, was then introduced by Most Worshipful J. Edward Allen, Past G. M.

Rt. W. Brother Caldwell spoke on the meaning of the 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. degrees of Masonry, emphasizing the necessity of giving the candidate a proper interpretation of the meaning of each degree, and of the influence such an interpretation should have on the future lives of those receiving these degrees. His address was most interesting and instructive, and greatly enjoyed by all present.

Past Master Bridges presented letters from the four lodges in

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Greensboro inviting The N. C. Lodge of Research to a Communication in Greensboro sometime during the year 1948. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and Brother Bridges was instructed to arrange the date for the meeting, On motion of Brother Bridges, it was decided to invite Brother John Temple Rice, an outstanding Mason of Texas, to address the Lodge on this occasion.

P.G.M.J. Edward Allen made the following motion which was adopted: That a committee be appointed to edit and evaluate a manuscript on Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina to be presented to the Committee on History of the General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A. On this committee, the Master appointed Brothers J. Edward Allen, J. Ray Shute and Millard F. McKeel.

Brother Bridges presented to the Lodge Museum a gavel used by the Junior Warden at the 125th anniversary celebration of Greensboro Lodge No. 76. This gavel was made from the wood of a chair used for many years by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, John H. Anderson, the only North Carolina Royal Arch Mason ever to fill the position of General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Chapter of the U.S.A. Brother Bridges also presented two tokens of the 15th anniversary of the Greensboro Museum.

M. W. Grand Master Luther T. Hartsell, Jr. presented to the Lodge Museum a handsomely engraved gold-plated trowel bearing the inscription: Dec. 2, 1797, Stokes Lodge No. 32, A.F. & A.M. Dec. 2, 1947. Concord, N. C., a bath towel bearing the inscription, Stokes Lodge No. 32, A.F. & A.M., 1797-1947 and a leather apron similarly inscribed together with copies of the programs of meetings celebrating the 150th anniversary of Stokes Lodge No. 32. The Lodge expressed its appreciation for these gifts. This being the time for the annual election of officers, the following were elected and appointed:

D. Ernest Bulluck, P.M. (230)	Master
E. Boyd Grady, P.M. (32)	Sen. W.
W. N. Harper, P.M. (530)	Jr. W.
J. Heath Davis, P.M. (666)	Treas.
S. Henry Green, P.M. (244-666)	Sec.
E. W. Timberlake, (282-666) P.G.M.	Chap.
Leon Godown, P.M. (32)	Sen. D.
Millard F. McKeel, P.M. (104)	Jr. D.
J. Ray Shute, P.M. (666)	Librarian
Herbert M. Foy, P.M. (332)	Sen. S.
Ed. K. Willis, <del>Sen. (32)</del>	Jr. S.
Charles M. Pugh, P.M. (369-666)	Marshal
J. Edward Allen, P.M. (10-666) P.G.M.	Sen. Dir. Ceremonies
Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., P.M. (32-666) G.M.	Jr. Dir. Ceremonies
Royal C. Stephenson, P.M. (500-666)	Tyler

The officers were duly installed by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Luther T. Hartsell, Jr. The minutes were approved. Nothing further appearing, the Lodge was closed in due form

*S. Henry Green*  
S. Henry Green, Secretary.



**Masonic Hall  
Monroe, N.C.  
Dec. 11, 1948**

The Annual Communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research NO. 666, A.F. & A.M. was held on the above date with the following present:

D. Ernest Bulluck	-----	Master
Luther T. Hartsell, Jr.	as	Senior W.
Early W. Bridges	as	Junior W.
Junius S. Stearns	as	Treas.
J. Heath Davis	as	Secretary
Leon Godown		Senior D.
Millard F. McKeel		Junior D.
Charles H. Pugh		Marshal
A. J. Melvin	as	Senior S.
J. B. Melvin	as	Junior S.
Royal C. Stephenson		Tyler

**Members :** John H. Parker; Gilbert H. Hendrix; D. C. McSwain; W. R. Howe; J. Ray Shute.

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form.

Minutes of the last communication were read for information. A report was made about the Greensboro meeting. The reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were presented and approved.

Brother Bridges was thanked for his efforts in making the Greensboro meeting a success. An Emergency Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the same day of this meeting to attend the funeral of Bro. John H. Anderson.

Brother J. Ray Shute reported for the committee on Publications. A brief summary was given of the contents of the coming edition of NOCALORE. Permission by motion was given to carry the minutes of the 1948 meeting and papers for 1949 in the coming volume of NOCALORE.

Grand Honors were given to those entitled to receive them.

Master Bulluck accepted a plate from Bro. Bridges on behalf of the Lodge. Brother Shute was asked to present a tribute to the late S. H. Greene; this tribute is to appear on the minutes of the Lodge and also in NOCALORE.

- .. It was suggested by Bro. Pugh that the Annual Business meeting be held in the afternoon and devote the night session to Research work of the Lodge. He also suggested the an occasional meeting be held in Raleigh. Brother Royal C. Stephenson invited the Lodge to hold its next annual meeting in Raleigh. This invitation was accepted.

- Brother Shute made a motion that Brother Hartsell introduce a resolution to the Grand Lodge to eliminate the per capita tax on dual members. This motion carried.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the following year;

E.Boyd Grady  
~~W.N.~~ W.N. Harper  
 Leon Godown  
 J.Heath Davis  
 Royal C.Stephenson  
 E.W.Timberlake  
 Millard F.McKeel  
 Herbert M.Foy  
 J.Ray Shute  
 Ed K.Willis  
 D.C.McSwain  
 John H.Parker  
 Wallace E.Caldwell  
 Frank L.Bunker  
 D.ERNEST Bulluck

Master  
 Senior W.  
 Junior W.  
 Treas.  
 Sec.  
 Chaplain  
 Senior D.  
 Junior D.  
 Librarian  
 Senior S.  
 Junior S.  
 Marshal  
 Senior Dir.of C.  
 Junior Dir.of C.  
 Tyler

The officers present were duly installed by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Luther T.Hartsell, Jr. Those absent will be installed by their home lodges.  
 The minutes were approved and the Lodge was closed in due form.

*J. Heath Davis*

J.Heath davis, Secretary, P.T.

Raleigh, N. C.  
December 3, 1949

The annual communication of The North Carolina Lodge of Research # 666 A. F. & A. M. was held at Raleigh N. C. December 3, 1949 with the following officers filling the stations and places:

E. Boyd Grady	Master	Chas. H. Pugh	Junior Deacon
W. N. Harper	Sr. Warden	W. L. Ramsey	as Librarian
Leon Gedown	Jr. Warden	Ross Shumaker	as Sr. Stewart
L. T. Hartsell	as Treas.	Phil T. Rawlins	as Jr. Stewart
John H. Parker	Marshall	W. E. Calwell	Senior Director of Ceremonies
Royal C. Stephenson	Secretary	F. L. Bunker	Jr. Director of Ceremonies
J. L. Peacock	as Chaplain	D. E. Bulluck	Tyler
M. F. McKeel	Sr. Deacon		

Members and visitors present

G. A. Farrow	J. B. Melvin	Wm. I. Gause	K. W. Parham	T. G. Slate
J. E. Boswell	C. A. Eury	J. E. Casey	J. B. Holton	N. P. Strause
C. W. Jackson	A. S. Chessom	E. W. Bridges	C. E. Ricker	W. R. Howe
A. S. Melvin	J. Ray Shute			

A Master Masons Lodge was opened in due form .

Minutes of December 11 1948 were read for information.

Report on motion on elimination of the per capita tax on dual members was received and discussed, no action taken.

Report of the Secretary received and adopted.

Brother Wallace E. Caldwell gave a most interesting and educational talk on some of his tours of the old country where he observed and obtained first hand valuable information on the beginning of Operative Masonry. He then showed the connection of of the beggining and present day operative and speculative Masonry.


This being the time for election of officers, ballett was spread and the following officers were elected to serve for 1950.

W. N. Harper	W. Master	Marshall and directors of
Leon Gedown	Sr. Warden	ceremonies and librarian to
M. F. McKeel	Jr. Warden	be appointed .
J. Heath Davis	Treas.	
Royal C. Stephenson	Secretary	
H. N. Foy	Sr. Deacon	
E. K. Willis	Jr. Deacon	
D. C. McSwain	Stewart	
John H. Parker	Stewart	
E. B. Grady	Tyler	

And were duly installed by Past Grand Master Luther T. Hartsell, Jr.

Brother C. C. Ricker extended an invitation to hold the 1950 communication in Charlotte N. C. . Accepted.

There bein no further business the minutes were read and approved and the Lodge was closed in due form.

  
Royal C. Stephenson, Secretary

Ashville N. C.  
May 15, 1950

A special communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research # 666 A. F. & A. M. was held in the Masonic Temple at Ashville May 15, 1950 with the following officers filling the stations:

W. M. Harper Master  
Leen Gedown Sr. Warden  
M. F. McKeel Jr. Warden  
H. N. Fey Sr. Deacon  
E. K. Willis Jr. Deacon  
D. C. McSwain Stewart  
J. H. Parker Stewart  
E. B. Grady Tyler  
Royal C. Stephenson Secretary

Members and visitors present  
F. L. Bunker L. T. Hartsell  
C. H. Pugh Ross Shumaker  
W. L. Ramsey J. H. Parker  
A. S. Melvin J. L. Peaceck  
G. A. Farrew P. T. Rawlins  
E. L. Briges W. E. Caldwell  
D. E. Bulluck

This being a special communication called for the purpose of electing members into the Lodge the Names and petitions of Brothers T. G. Slate and W. L. Ramsey were presented. Due action was taken and they were elected to active membership. (DUAL)

The business for which this meeting was called having been completed the minutes were read and approved and the Lodge was duly closed.



Royal C. Stephenson, Secretary



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Charlotte, N. C.  
December 2, 1950

The annual communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research # 666 was held in the Masenic Temple at Charlotte, N. C. December 2, 1950 with the following officers filling the Stations:

W. N. Harper	Master	E. L. Brigers as Jr. Deacon	
Leon Gedown	Sr. Warden	W. A. Coble	Stewart
D. E. Bulluck	Jr. Warden	J. B. Melvin	Stewart
Reas Shumaker	as Treas.	R. L. Chandler	Marshall
Royal C. Stephensen	Secty.	E. L. Brigers Sr.	Director of Ceremonies
J. Ray Shute	Chaplain	J. E. Reeker	Jr " " "
W. L. Ramsey	as Sr. Deacon	Andrew S. Melvin	as Tyler

Members and visitors present

W. H. Newman J. J. Faulk C. L. Tayler W. E. Burrier N. S. Fisher  
W. H. Halliburton J. G. Johnson L. T. Hartsell Jr. T. G. Slate  
J. H. Parker W. E. Caldwell

The Master Masens Lodge was opened in due form.

The minutes of December 3, 1949 and May 15, 1950 were read for information. W. Master Horton announced that Brothers M. F. McKeel Grand York Rite Secty. Recorder, W. P. Horton Grand Master of Masens in North Carolina, and J. Bailey Owen Past Grand Master of Masens in North Carolina were called to their reward since our last meeting, and called the Lodge to attention for a moment of silent meditation.

Letters were received from Brothers C. H. Pugh and C. C. Ricker expressing regrets that illness prevents their being present tonight.

Secretary was requested to send messages with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Brother J. L. Peacock sends regrets that other engagements prevents his being present tonight but sends best wishes.

Petitions for active dual membership were presented. for Brothers William Edward Burrier Jeel Jackson Faulk Nathaniel Stephen Fisher Hugh W. Halliburton James Guy Johnson Wm. Henri Newman Leon M. Oglukian and Clifton Linwood Tayler

Ballett was spread and they were elected to dual membership.

Past Master J. Ray Shute made an interesting talk explaining the purpose of and the workings of the North Carolina Lodge of Research and the publishing of its transactions in book form known as "NOCALORE".

The subject of publishing Necalore in parts was discussed and it was decided to wait until it could be published all at once in bound volumes. These Volumes to be published every three years.

The Secretary's report was received and adopted.

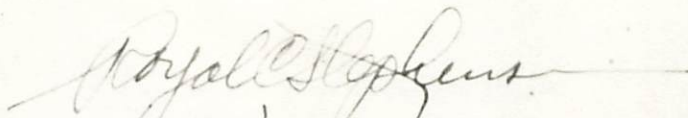
It was moved that the funds of North Carolina Lodge of Research be moved to a Bank in Raleigh as may be selected by the Secretary and Treasurer.

Ballett was spread and the following officers were elected to serve the Lodge for 1951

Leon Gedown	Master	W. E. Caldwell	Stewart
H. N. Foy	Sr. Warden	F. L. Bunker	Stewart
E. K. Willis	Jr. Warden	W. L. Ramsey	Marshall
Reas Shumaker	Treas.	J. G. Johnston	Sr. Dir. of Ceremonies
Royal C. Stephensen	Secty.	J. D. Melvin	Jr. " " "
L. T. Hartsell Jr.	Chaplain	W. N. Harper	Tyler
D. C. McSwain	Sr. Deacon		
J. H. Parker	Jr. Deacon		
J. R. Shute	Librarian		

and all were duly installed by P. G. M. Luther T. Hartsell, Jr.

There being no further business the minutes were read and approved and the Lodge was closed in ample form.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Royal C. Stephenson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Royal C. Stephenson, Secretary

Masonic Temple Gastonia, N. C.  
December 15, 1951

The annual communication of the North Carolina Lodge of Research # 666 A. F. and A. M. was held in the Masonic Temple at Gastonia N. C. on December 15, 1951 at 7:30 pm. with the following brethren filling the respective stations and places.

Leon Godown W. Master  
Andrew Malvin as Sr. Warden  
C. B. Shulenberger as Jr. Warden  
Ross Shumaker Treasurer  
Ross Shumaker as Secretary  
D. C. McSwain as Chaplain  
D. C. McSwain Sr. Deacon  
W. Reid Howe as Jr. Deacon  
John P. Smith as Steward  
A. R. Rankin as Steward  
Otte O. Baber as Tyler

Members and visitors present  
Past Master Chas. H. Pugh  
J. Leonard Currie

The minutes of the annual communication held in Charlotte N. C. December 2, 1950 were read for information.

Letters, telegrams and telephone calls were received from the following brethren regretting that they were unable to be present because of severe weather and other causes

Chas. C. Ricker, Asheville  
D. Ernest Bulluck, Reay Mount  
W. N. Harper, Charlotte  
R. C. Stephenson, Raleigh  
W. L. Ramsey, Fayetteville  
P. J. T. Rawlins, Henderson  
Early Bridgers, Greensboro

The Master announced that Brother Frank L. Bunker had passed on to his reward January 24, 1951. The Lodge was called up for a moment of prayer and meditation.

Note was taken of the fact that publication of Necalere was discussed at the previous communication. On motion of Brother Melvin seconded by Brother McSwain and duly passed, the incoming Master was requested to secure such information available looking to the continuation of the publication of Necalere. The Treasurer reported that no funds had been received and no monies spent by him.

The application of Alton E. Baum, Lake Landing, N. C. was received. The Committee made a favorable report, ballot was spread and he was duly elected to dual membership.

It being time for the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year the following were duly elected;

Herbert M. Foy W. M.  
E. K. Willis Sr. Warden  
D. C. McSwain Jr. Warden  
Treas. Ross Shumaker  
Secretary Royal C. Stephenson  
John H. Parker Sr. Deacon  
Wallace E. Caldwell Jr. Deacon  
W. L. Ramsey Steward  
J. G. Johnston Steward  
Leon Godown Tyler

all to be installed by their respective lodges.

There being no further business the minutes were read and approved as read and the lodge was closed in due form.

Ross Shumaker, as Secretary



Members of the Correspondence Circle for 1931.

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